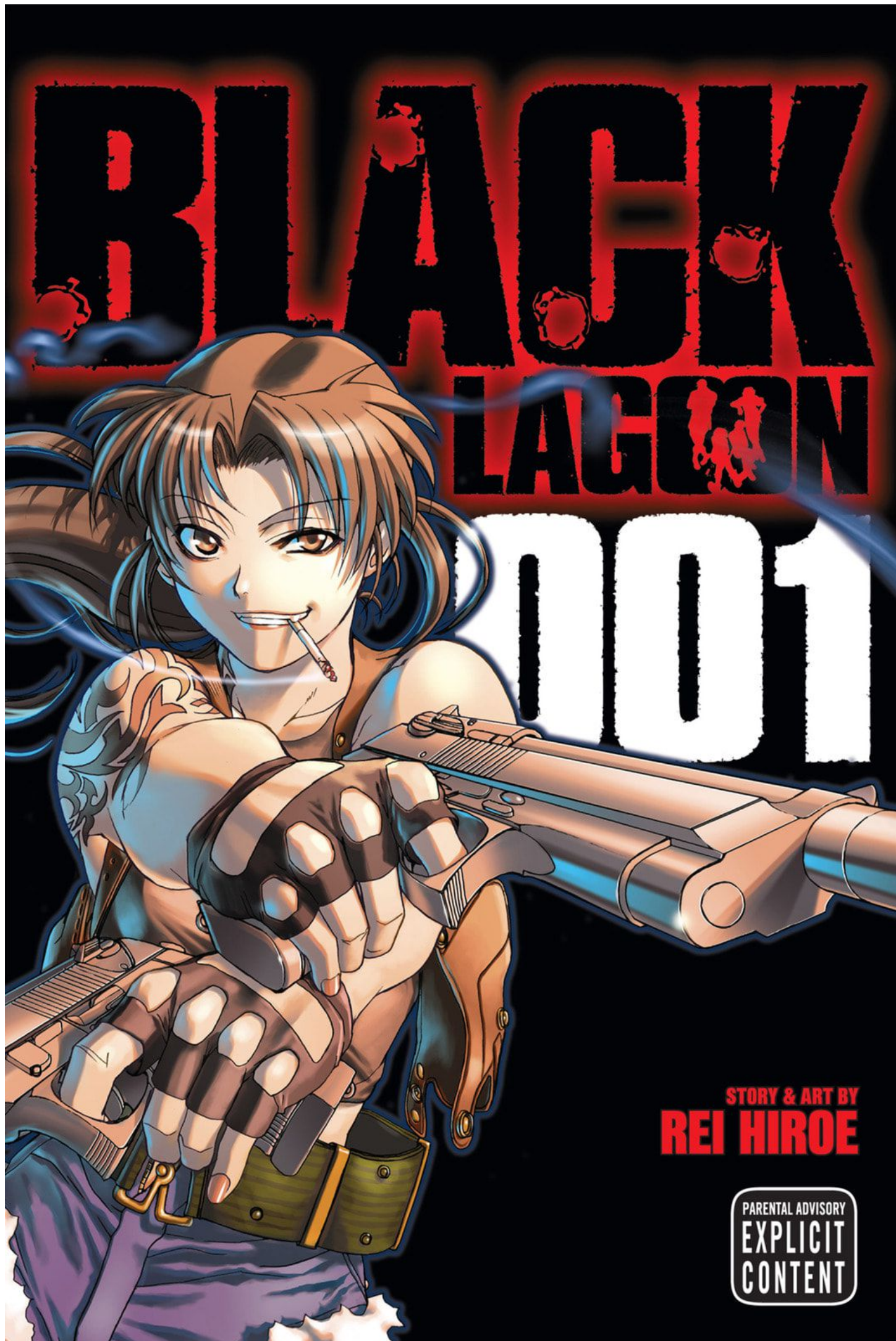




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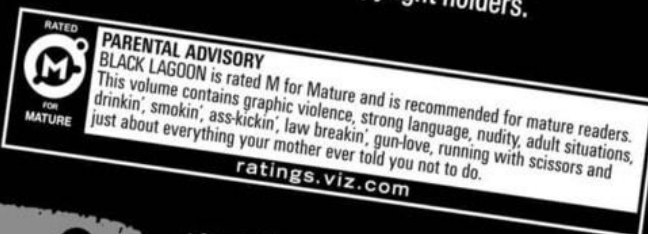
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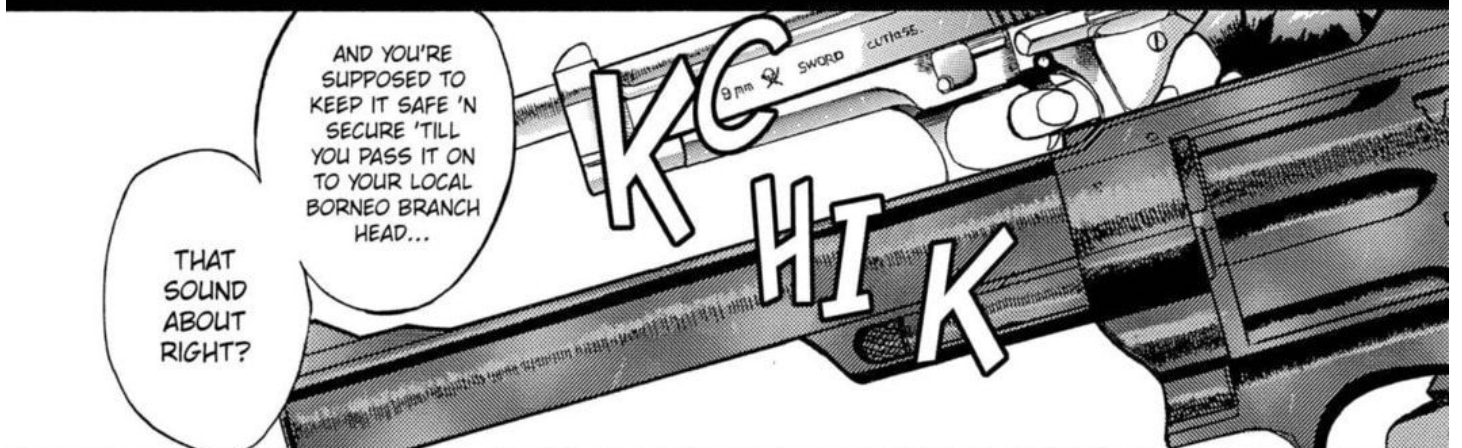
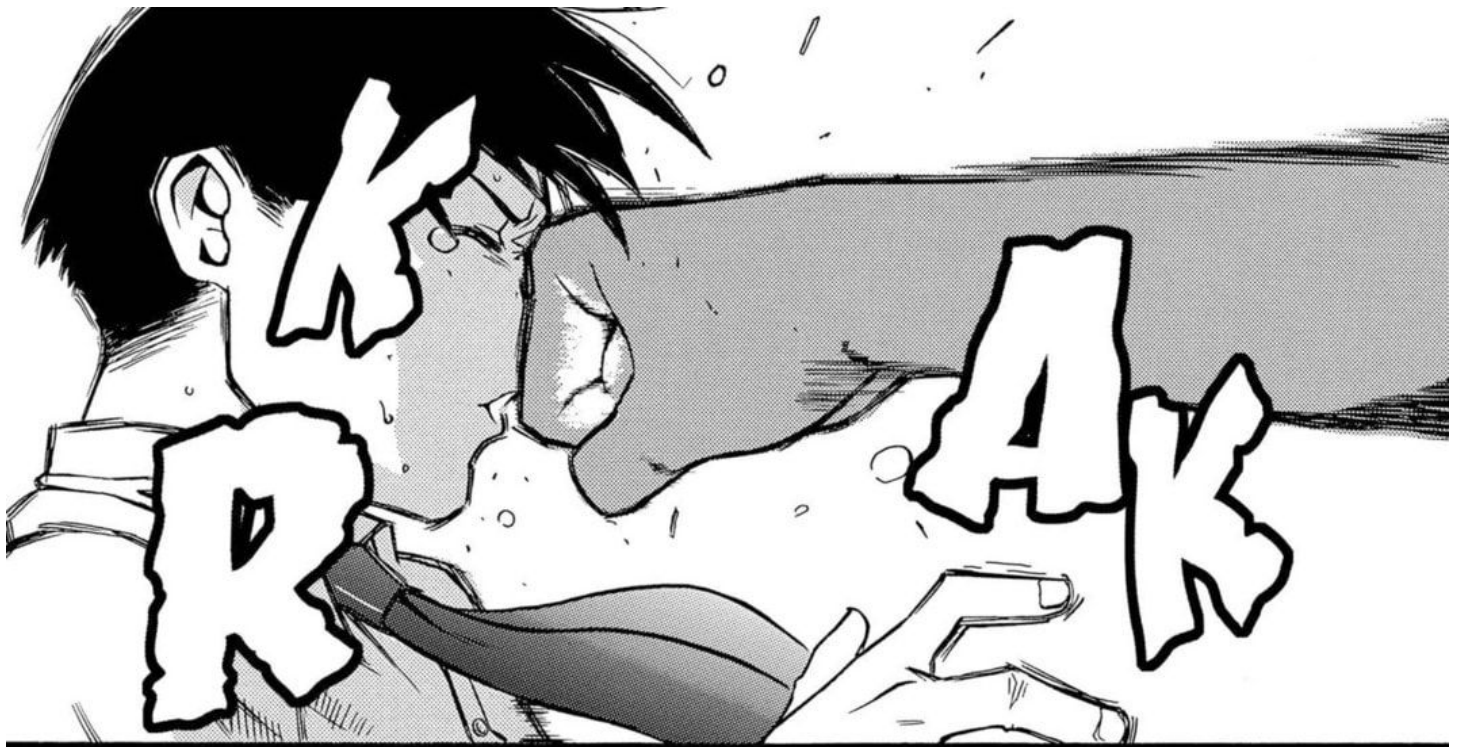
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THAT'S
ALL I
KNOW!!

Y...

YEAH!

I'VE
ALREADY
TOLD YOU
EVERY-
THING.



Chapter 0: Black Lagoon



THE SCOPE'S
SHOWING
SOMETHING
HEADING
STRAIGHT
FOR US FROM
SUBIC BAY.

HOW MUCH
LONGER
IS THIS
GONNA
TAKE?

WHAT'S
UP?



DUTCH
...

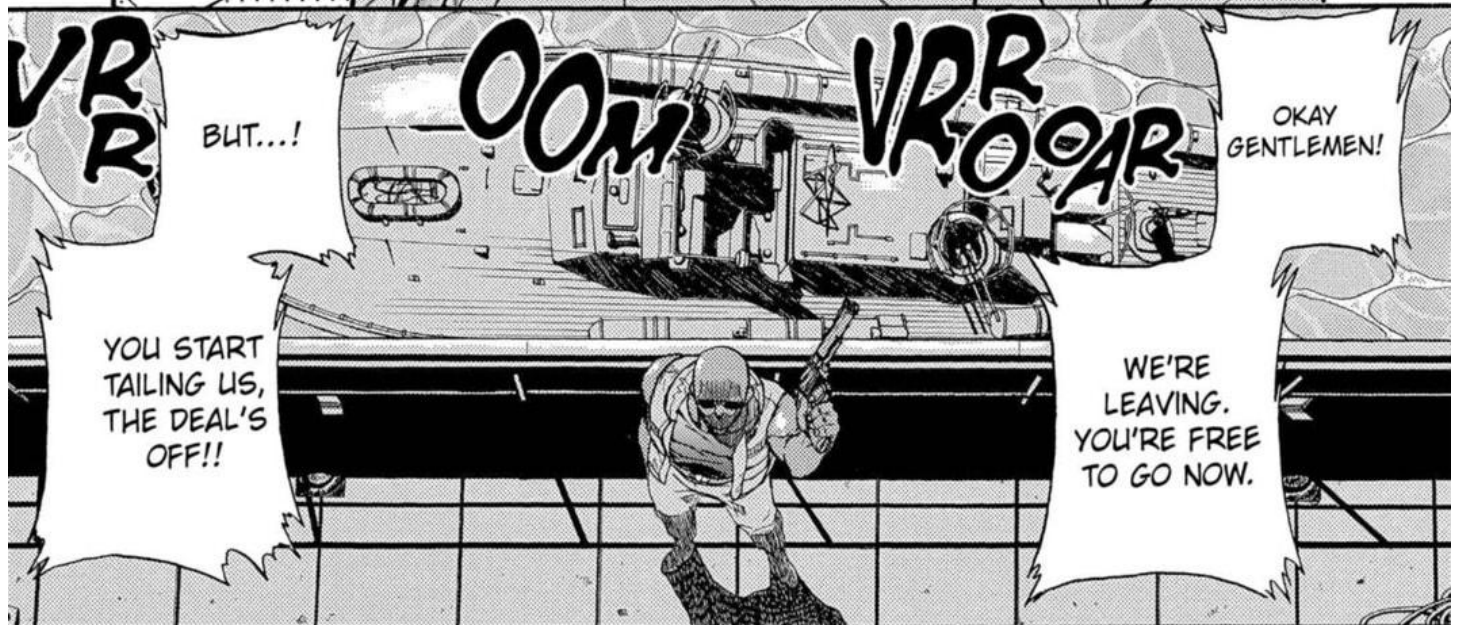


STAY
COOL,
BENNY
BOY.

WE'RE
ABOUT
DONE
HERE.
START THE
ENGINE!

IT'S A
PHILIPPINE
NAVY
PATROL
SHIP!

HEY,
DUTCH.



BUT...!

YOU START
TAILING US,
THE DEAL'S
OFF!!

OKAY
GENTLEMEN!

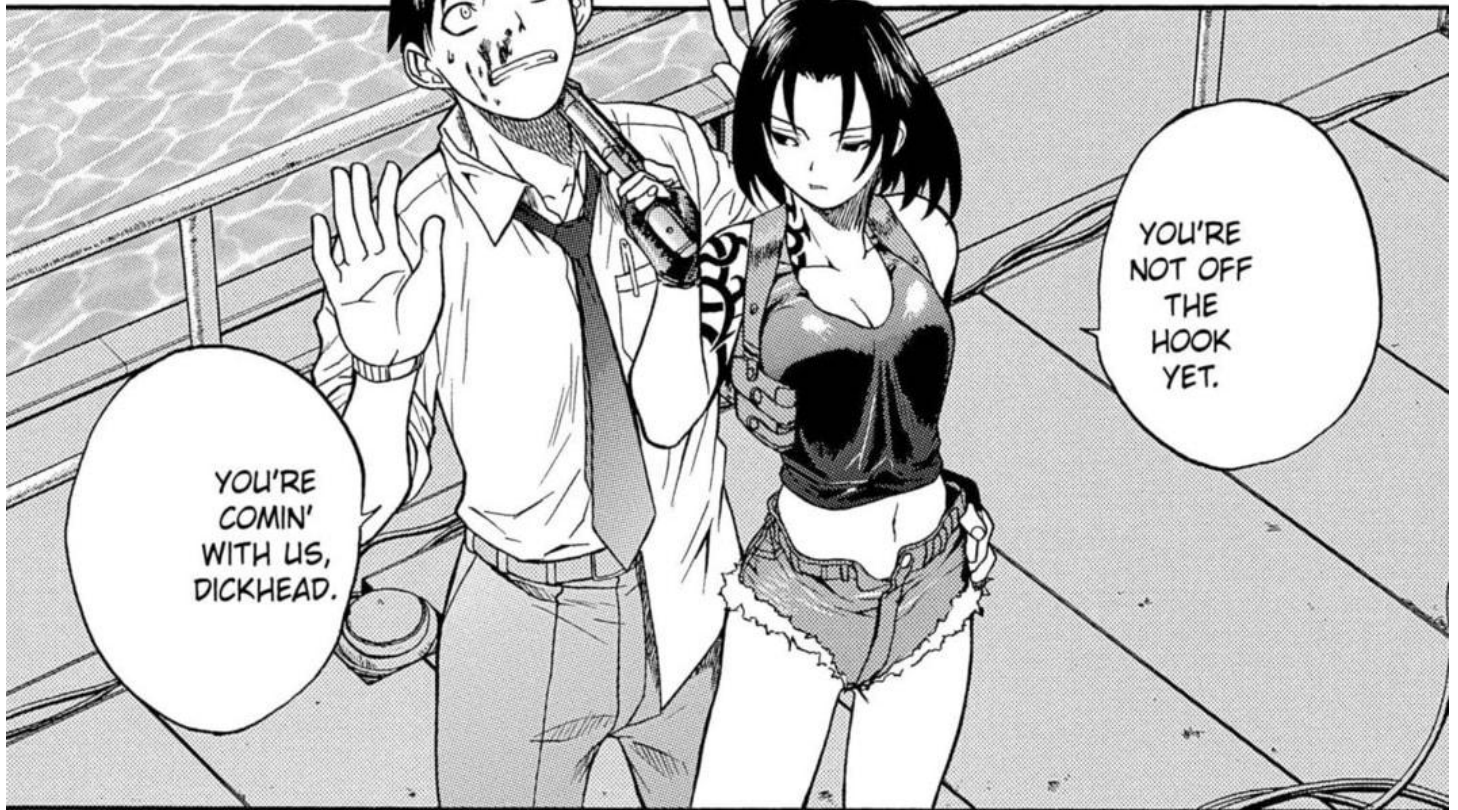
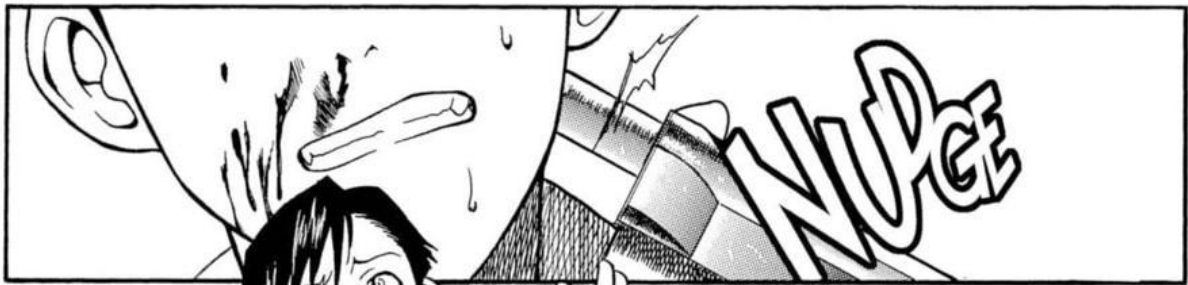
WE'RE
LEAVING.
YOU'RE FREE
TO GO NOW.



PHEW...

...YOUR
BEST BET'S
TO STAY
LOW AND
KEEP CALM,
YOU GOT
THAT?!

UNLESS YOU
WANT US TO
BLAST YOU TO
HAMBURGER
AND SCRAP
METAL WITH A
TORPEDO...



YOU'RE
COMIN'
WITH US,
DICKHEAD.

YOU'RE
NOT OFF
THE
HOOK
YET.



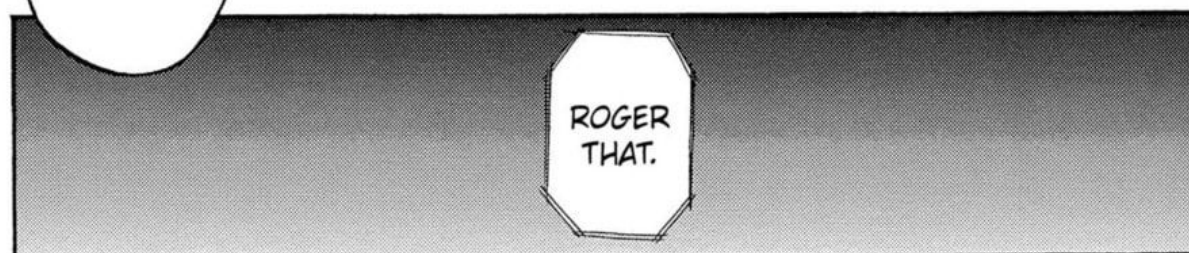
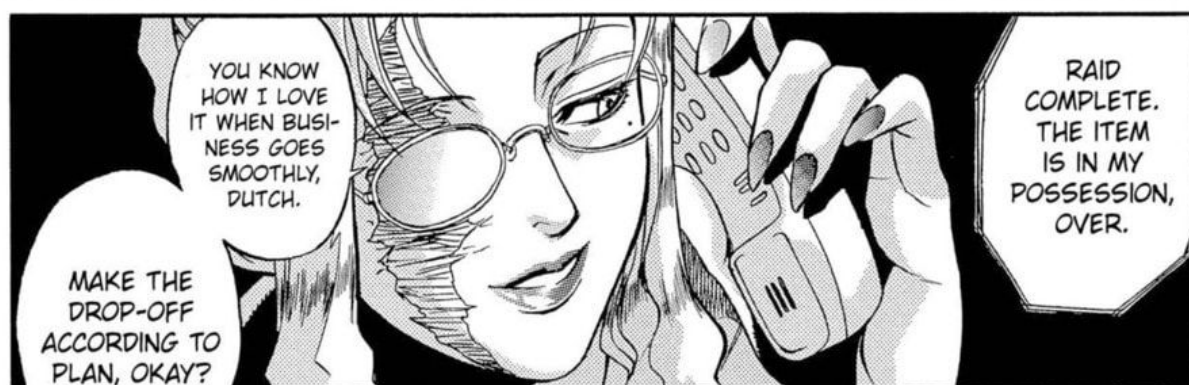
AND
START
WALKIN'.

SHUT
UP.

...
YOU'RE
JOKING,
RIGHT?



YOU'VE
GOTTA
BE
JOKING
!!



Executive Conference Room 2



FIRST TIME
I'VE HEARD
OF THEM.

WHAT'S
THE WORD
ON THIS
COMPANY?

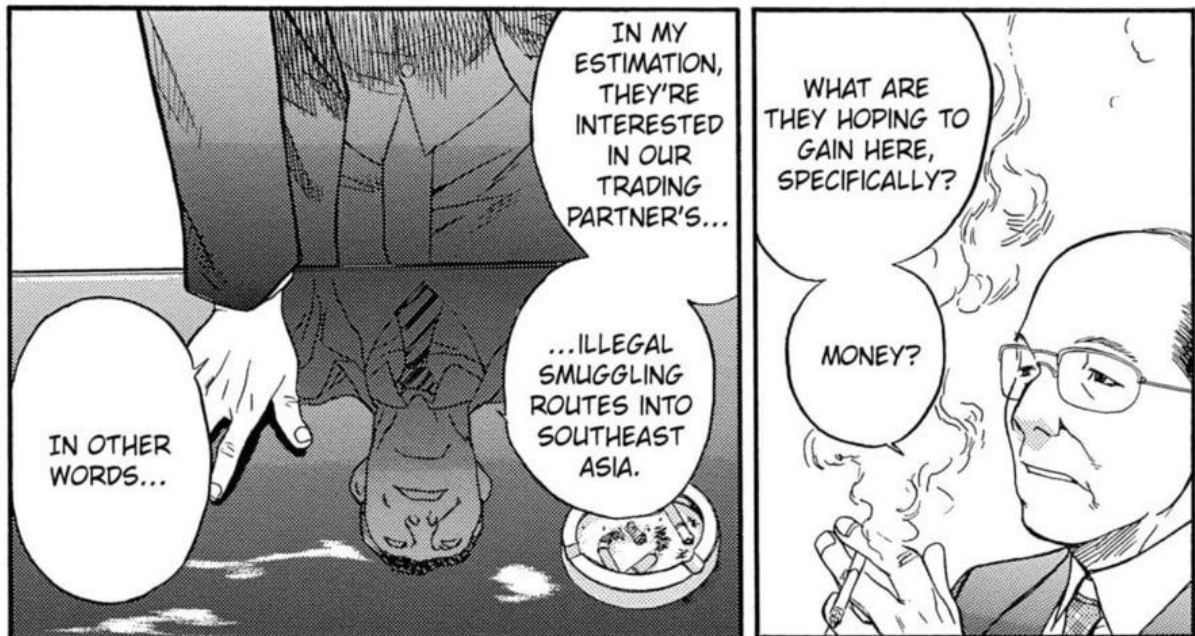
DEVELOPMENTS
SINCE THE
RAID ARE AS
FOLLOWS...

A FIRM BY THE NAME
OF "BOUGANVILLEA
TRADING COMPANY"
HAS CONTACTED
US WISHING TO
NEGOTIATE REGARDING
THE STOLEN DISK...



THIS FIRM
IS THEIR
FRONT.

RUSSIAN MOBSTERS
HAVE MOVED THE
CHINESE GANGS OUT
OF SOUTHEAST ASIA
AND CURRENTLY
CONTROL THE LOCAL
BLACK MARKETS.



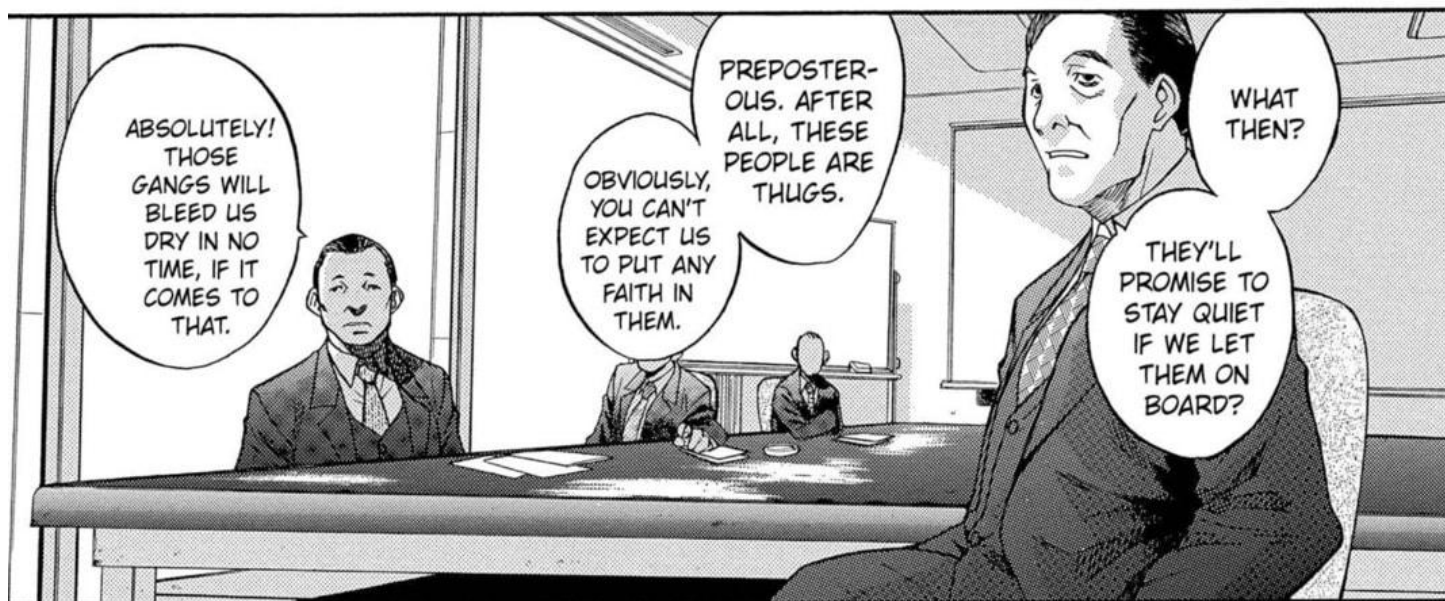
IN MY
ESTIMATION,
THEY'RE
INTERESTED
IN OUR
TRADING
PARTNER'S...

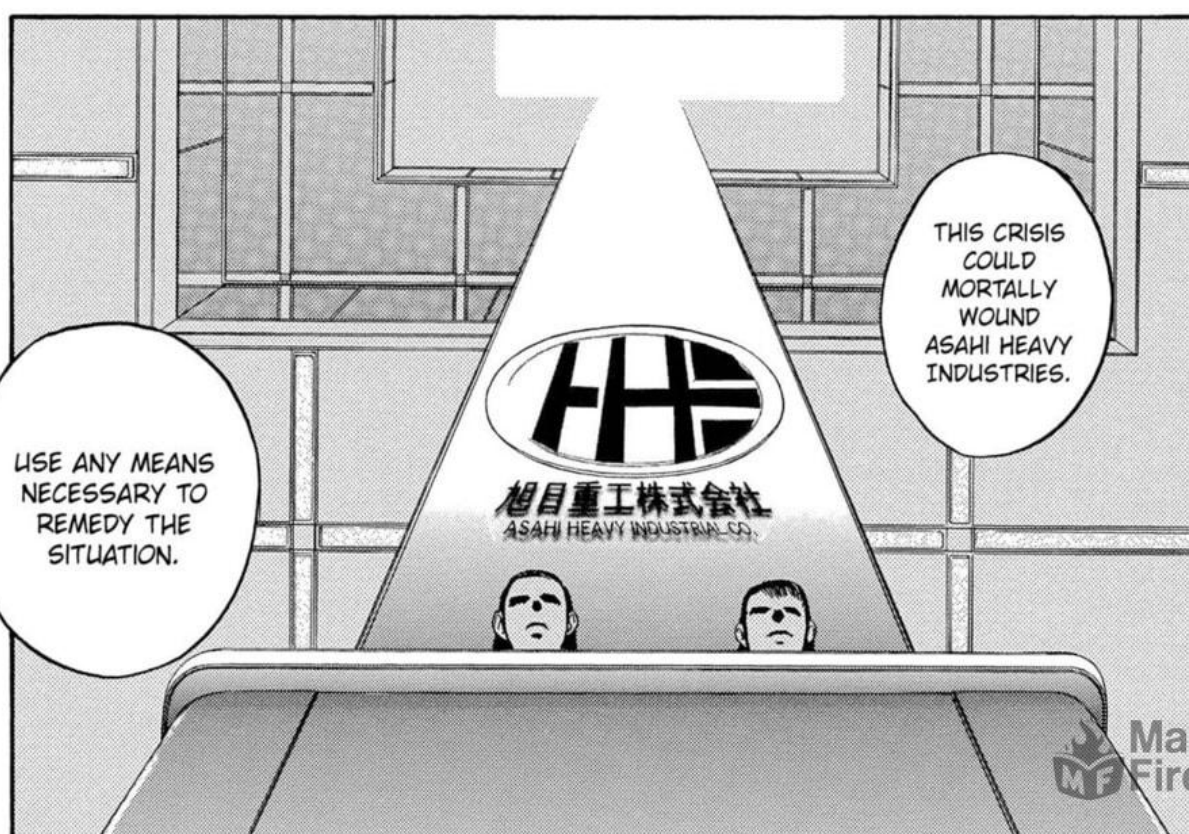
...ILLEGAL
SMUGGLING
ROUTES INTO
SOUTHEAST
ASIA.

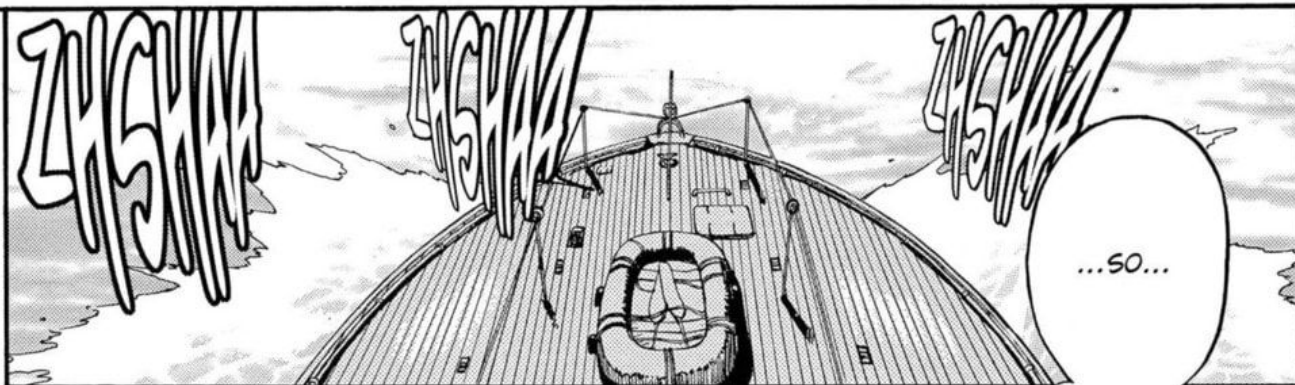
IN OTHER
WORDS...

WHAT ARE
THEY HOPING TO
GAIN HERE,
SPECIFICALLY?

MONEY?







...SO...

WILL MY
COMPANY
BAIL ME
OUT?

WHAT'S
GOING TO
HAPPEN TO
ME?

THAT BITCH
BALALAIKA
IS TAKING
ADVANTAGE
OF US!!

DAMN IT,
REVY!

WHAT'S THE
BIG IDEA,
KIDNAPPING A
LITTLE FISH
LIKE HIM?
WHAT'RE YOU
TRYING TO
PROVE?

YOU DON'T
GET IT,
DUTCH! YOU
JUST DON'T
GET IT!!

SHUT IT,
FOUR
EYES!!

BAD
MOVE,
REVY.



OR PERHAPS
YOU'LL GROW
WINGS AND
FLY AROUND
TO GET
THIS DEAL
TOGETHER!!

AND JUST
HOW ARE WE
GONNA CUT A
DEAL? WE'RE
BUSY AS IT
IS, DAMMIT!!

SO IT'S
LIKE
THAT,
HUH?

ALL
RIGHT!
FINE,
ASS-
HOLE!!



THAT'S
EASIER
SAID
THAN
DONE.

YOU
WANNA
DIE TOO,
BENNY?!



THINK
ABOUT IT. WE'RE
ONLY GETTING 20
GRAND FOR A
DANGEROUS GIG
LIKE THIS! ONLY
20 GRAND,
DUTCH!!

WHAT'S WRONG
WITH SWEETENING
OUR CUT WITH
SOME RANSOM
MONEY?!



YAAAH!
STOP
THAT!!

BLAM

BLAM

WHY DON'T I
JUST BLOW
HIS SORRY
ASS AWAY
AND THROW
HIM OVER-
BOARD?

BLAM



STOP!
STOP!
STOP!!
STOP!!

BLAM

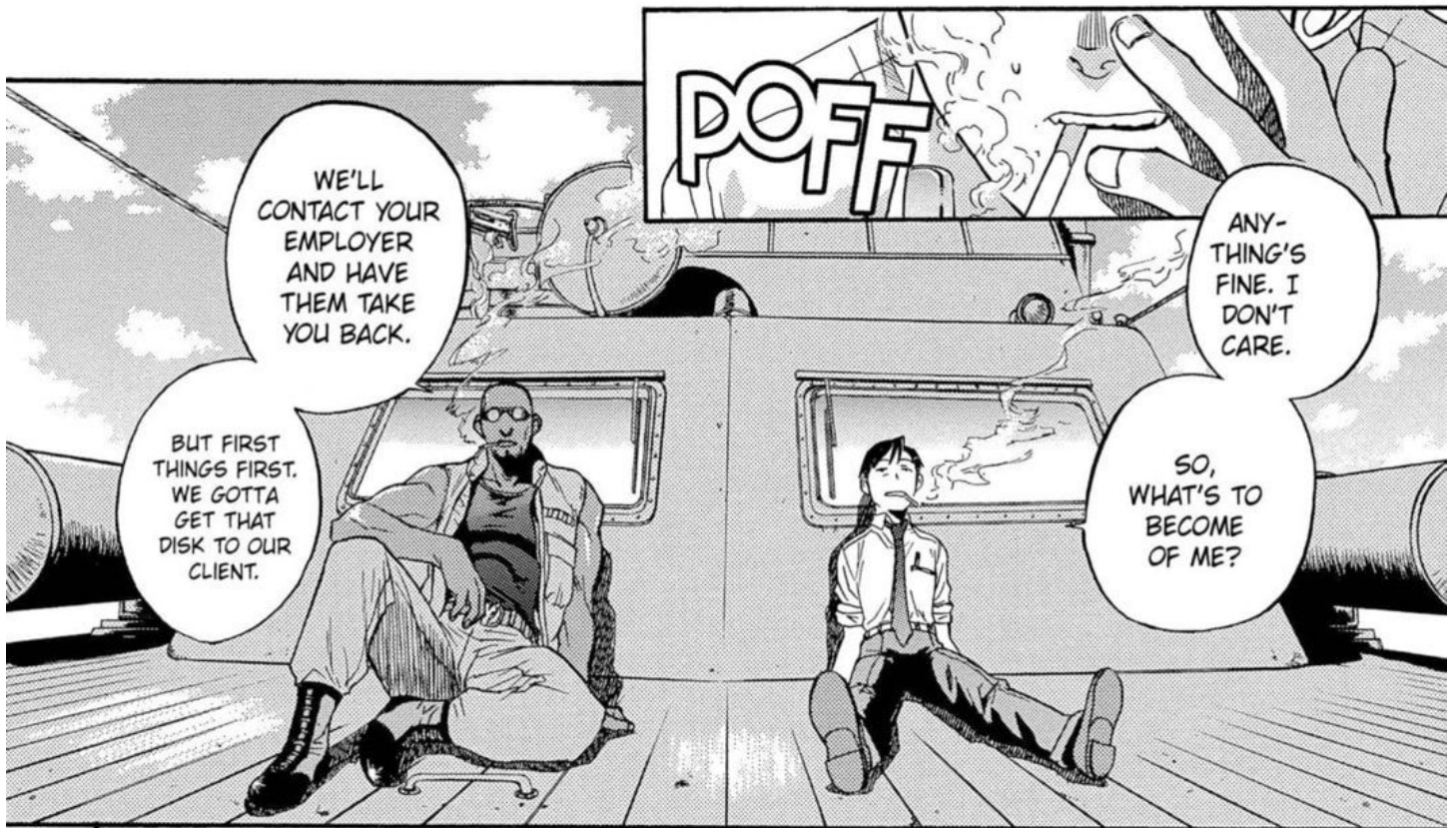
BLAM

REVVY, GET
A GRIP!
YOU'RE
RUINING
MY BOAT!

FUCK
OFF!!

BLAM





WE'LL
CONTACT YOUR
EMPLOYER
AND HAVE
THEM TAKE
YOU BACK.

BUT FIRST
THINGS FIRST.
WE GOTTA
GET THAT
DISK TO OUR
CLIENT.

ANY-
THING'S
FINE. I
DON'T
CARE.

SO,
WHAT'S TO
BECOME
OF ME?



HANGING
ON TO
THAT DISK
DOESN'T DO
US ANY
GOOD.

AIN'T
WORTH
A DAMN
UNLESS YOU
KNOW WHAT
TO DO
WITH IT.

WE'RE JUST
COURIERS.
THAT'S ALL.

YOUR
CLIENT?

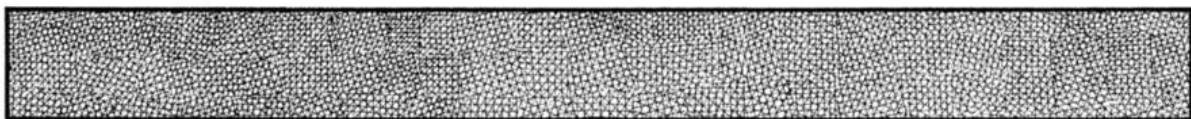
WHAT?
YOU'RE
NOT
KEEPING
IT?



SNOOPS
GET THEM-
SELVES
KILLED
QUICKLY IN
MY LINE OF
WORK.

DON'T
KNOW,
DON'T
WANNA
KNOW.

THEN YOU
DON'T KNOW
WHAT'S ON
IT EITHER?





MY
DEEPEST
APOLOGIES,
SIR!

THIS IS
DUE TO MY
SUPERVISORY
INEPTITUDE.

WELL,
FUJIWARA
?!



DAMN, THIS
CHANGES EVERY-
THING! TO THINK
THEY'RE HOLDING
ONE OF OUR
EMPLOYEES
HOSTAGE!!

WHY
WASN'T THIS
INFORMATION
RELAYED TO
ME IN A
MORE TIMELY
MANNER?!

...WITH
DELICATE
AFFAIRS SUCH
AS THIS. OUR
MEANS OF
CONFIRMING
THIS INFORMA-
TION ARE
EXTREMELY
LIMITED.

THERE ARE
ONLY SO MANY
EMPLOYEES
WE CAN
TRUST...



I WAS JUST
TOLD OF THIS
DEVELOPMENT
MOMENTS
AGO...



I'VE
ALREADY
STATED
THEM, SIR.



ENOUGH.

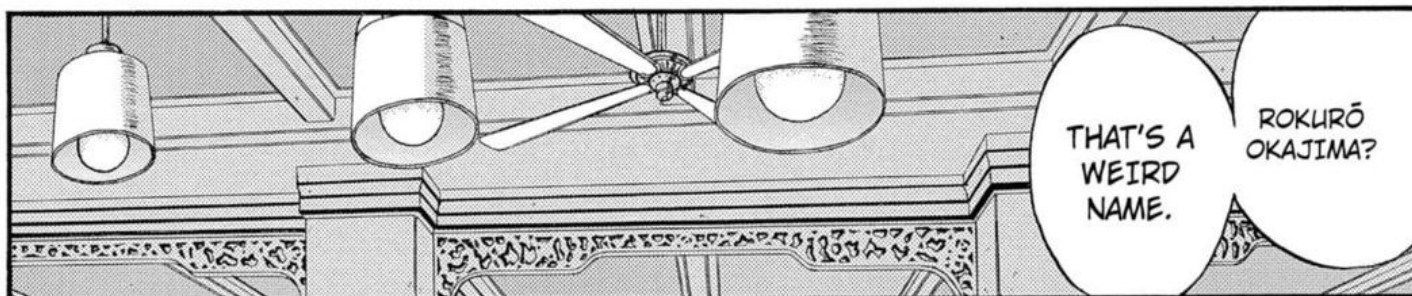
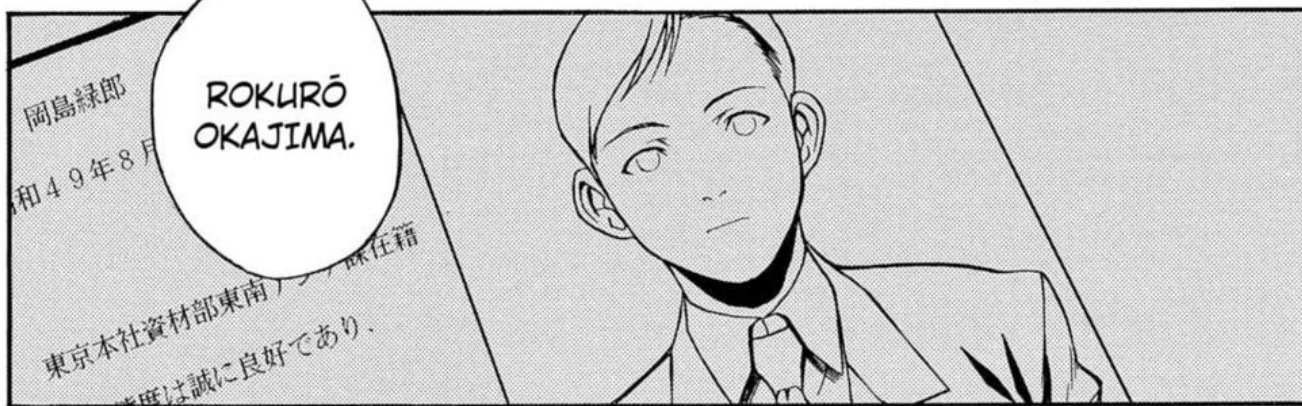
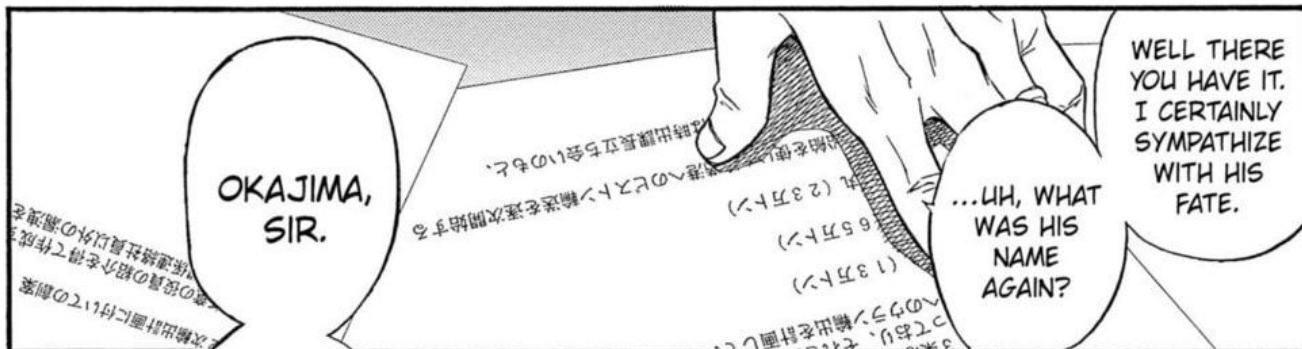
KAGEYAMA,
WHAT
ARE YOUR
THOUGHTS?

AND THE
MERCENARIES
OF THE E.O.
CORPORATION
THAT WE'VE
SUBCONTRACTED
ARE ALREADY ON
THE MOVE.



WE HAVE
A LIMITED
WINDOW OF
OPPORTUNITY
TO SALVAGE
THE SITUATION.

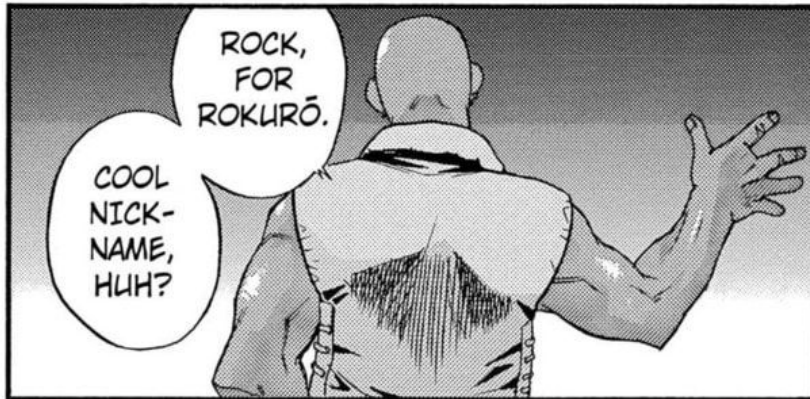
THIS
CORPORATION
FACES A
REAL AND
IMMEDIATE
CRISIS.





BESIDES,
I'M JUST NOT
GOOD WITH
CONFRONTATIONS.

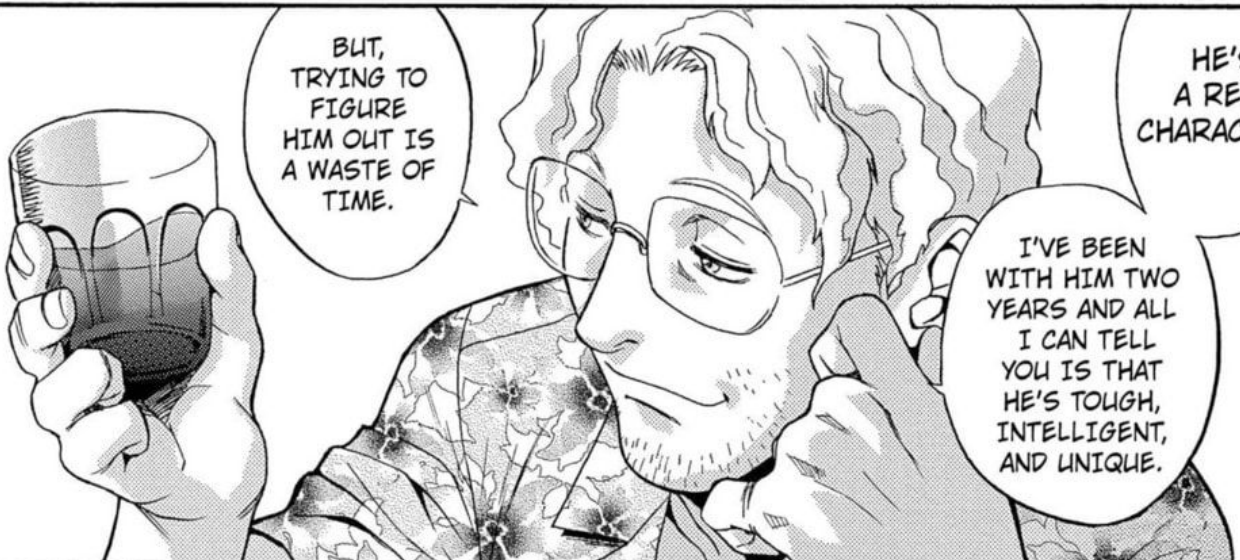
I'LL TAKE A
NIGHT OUT AT
A JAPANESE
DINING-BAR
ANY DAY
OVER THIS
PLACE.



HE HAS A
KNACK FOR
GIVING
PEOPLE
NICKNAMES.

DON'T
WORRY
ABOUT
IT.

ROCK...?



BUT,
TRYING TO
FIGURE
HIM OUT IS
A WASTE OF
TIME.

HE'S
A REAL
CHARACTER.

I'VE BEEN
WITH HIM TWO
YEARS AND ALL
I CAN TELL
YOU IS THAT
HE'S TOUGH,
INTELLIGENT,
AND UNIQUE.

BUT PLAY-
ING WITH
FIRE GOT
BOTH THE
MOB AND
THE FBI
PISSSED
OFF AT ME.

AND
THEN
...

I WORKED
AT A
UNIVER-
SITY IN
FLORIDA.

WHAT DID
YOU DO
BEFORE?

YOU SEEM TO
BE RATHER
ILL-FIT FOR
THIS CROWD
YOURSELF.

THANK
YOU.

...BEFORE
THEY STUFFED
HIM INTO A
SUITCASE AND
USED HIM
AS A BOAT
ANCHOR...

...I SAVED
HIS SORRY
ASS.

KACHAK

WE'RE HERE
TO DRINK,
RIGHT? LET'S
BULLSHIT
ABOUT SOME-
THING MORE
INTERESTING.

WHADDAYA
SAY, MR.
JAPANESE?

HERE'S ONE
FOR YOU AND
ONE FOR ME.

AS
THEY
SAY...

WORTHLESS
BEDTIME
STORIES,
BENNY. GIVE
IT A REST.

YOU AREN'T OLD
ENOUGH TO GET
NOSTALGIC FOR
YOUR SHITTY
PAST ANYWAY.

THUNK

KLN



THIS IS
WHAT YOU
DRINK IF
YOU'RE A
REAL MAN.

BEER'S LIKE
PISS WATER.
GIVES ME NO
BUZZ AT ALL.

**TH
OK**



AND
THIS
IS...?

**GL
UG**

**GL
UG**



BUT YOU
MIGHT AS
WELL
DROP
THOSE
PANTS AND
PUT ON A
SKIRT!

I'M
NOT
SAYIN'
YOU
COULDN'T
DO IT...

SHWFF

OF
COURSE, IF
YOU'RE SOME
NO-LOAD
WIMP THAT
CAN'T KEEP
UP WITH A
GIRL...



CHUG

CHUG

CHUG



TIE
RIBBONS
IN YOUR
HAIR AND
GO TO A
DANCE, EH?





I DID SOME DIGGING AND IT TURNS OUT WE HAVE A CHINESE RAT ON OUR HANDS. I'M HAVING A NICE CHAT WITH HIM RIGHT NOW.

SO...

SOMETHING BOTHERED ME ABOUT HOW ASAHI HEAVY INDUSTRIES WAS HANDLING THIS.

I WANT TO CHANGE THE DROP-OFF POINT TO PALAWAN INSTEAD.

WHAT?



PLEASE, PLEASE! STOP, OKAY, STOP, PLEASE!!

I'VE... I'VE ALREADY TOLD YOU WHAT YOU WANT!

YOUR BOSS'S NAME... SPEAK UP.

JUST A MOMENT.

WHO'S BEHIND THIS?

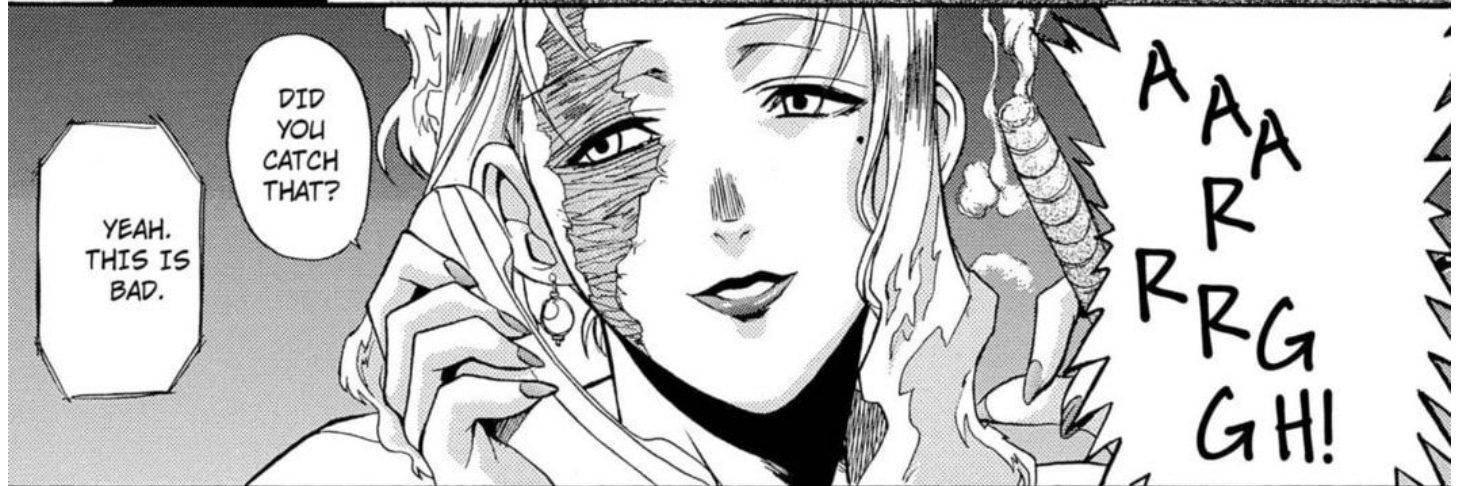
HE LEAKED THE INFO TO ME SO HE COULD TAKE YOU DOWN!

STOP

UHHRRGH... STOP...

THAT'S WHY THE JAPANESE SENT A HIT SQUAD TO THAILAND, OKAY?

S...S... SUN YEE ON! ELDER BROTHER CHANG OF THE SUN YEE ON!



YEAH. THIS IS BAD.

DID YOU CATCH THAT?

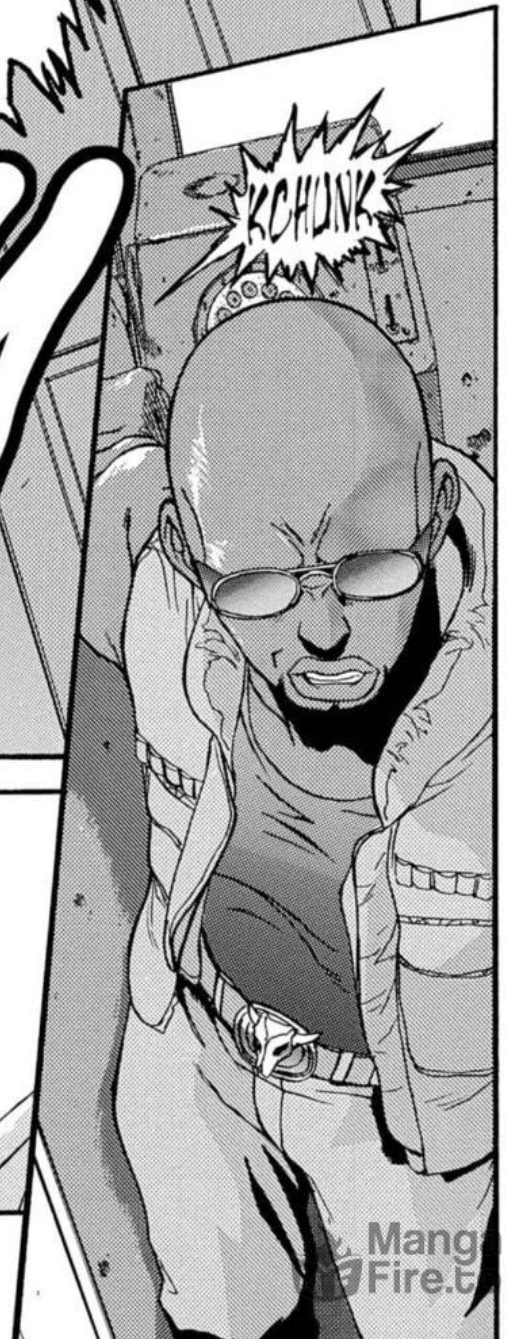
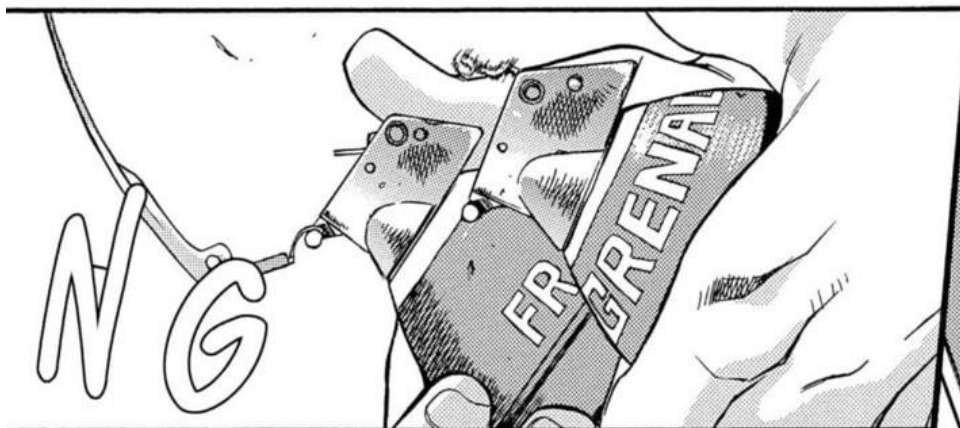
AAARRRGH!





LET'S
DO IT.

YEEAH! YOU
FUCKERS
HAVING A
GOOD
TIME?



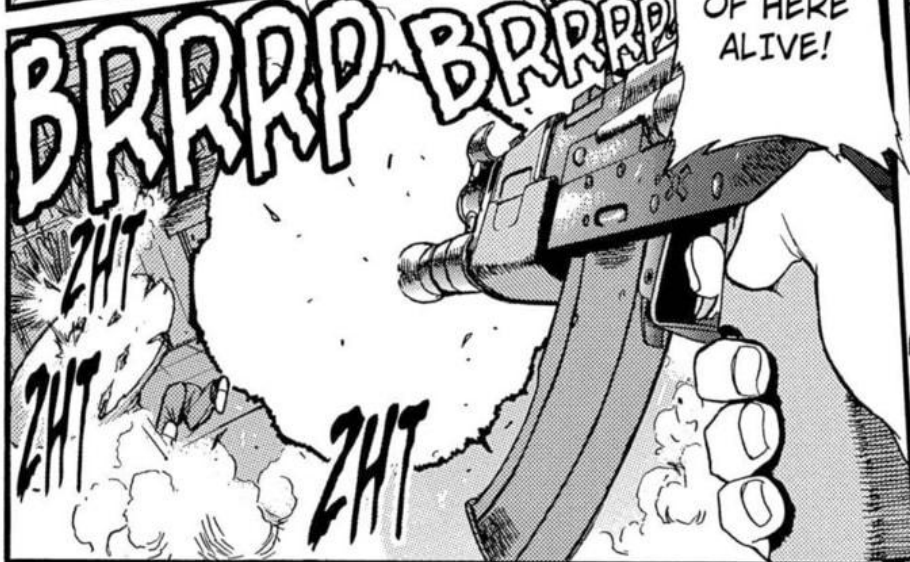




IT'S
PARTY TIME,
MOTHER-
FUCKERS!!



ANYBODY
RUNS,
REAM 'EM
A NEW
ONE!

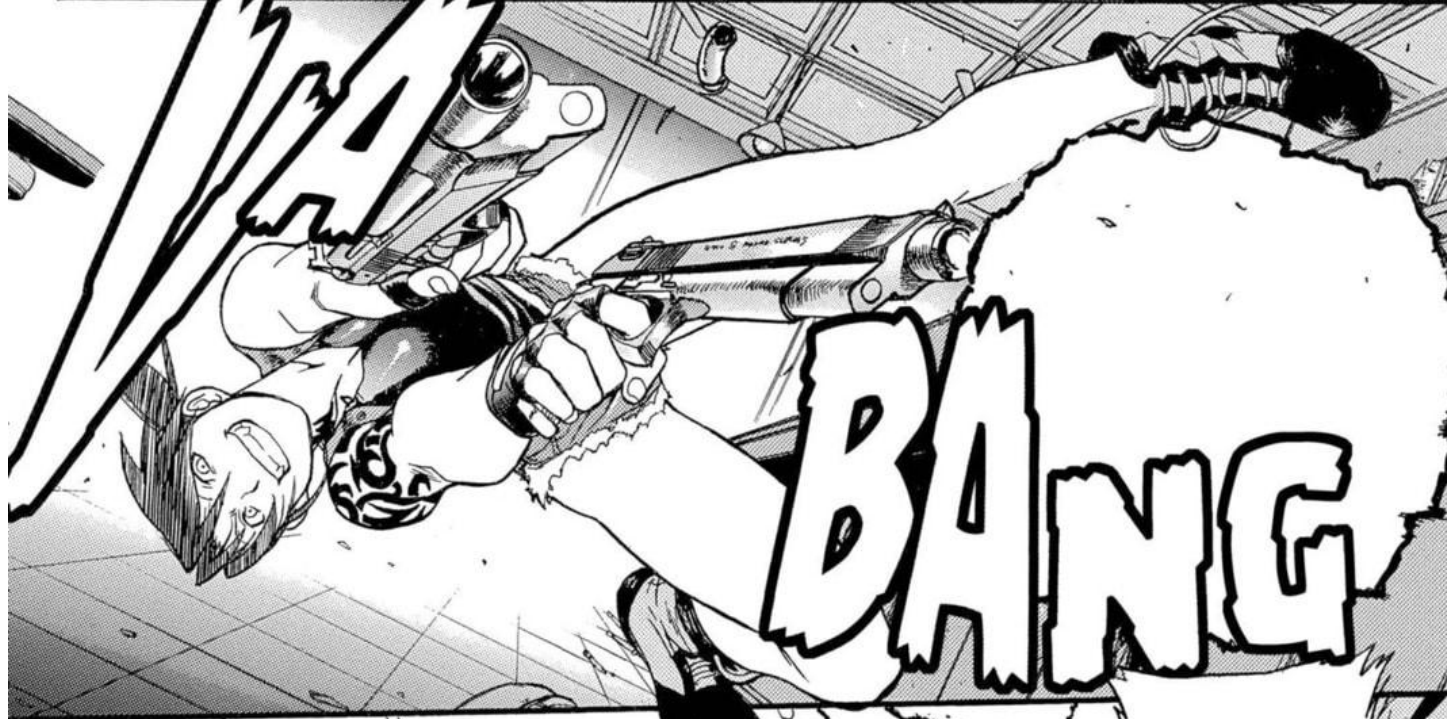


NO ONE
GETS OUT
OF HERE
ALIVE!













NOT MY
PROB.

ASK
DUTCH.

YOU'RE
PAYING FOR
ALL THE
DAMAGE,
YOU GOT
THAT?

KACHAK



KLAK

GUESS
THIS IS
THE THIRD
TIME?

HMM...



THAT'S
IT, REVVY.
GET OUT
OF MY
BAR!

HOW
MANY TIMES
HAVE YOU
TRASHED
MY PLACE
?!

SHAC HA K



YOU GET
ME SOME
MONEY...

KACHAK B L A M



GOT
IT.

KACHAK!



...OR ELSE
YOU'LL
NEVER
SET FOOT
IN HERE
AGAIN!

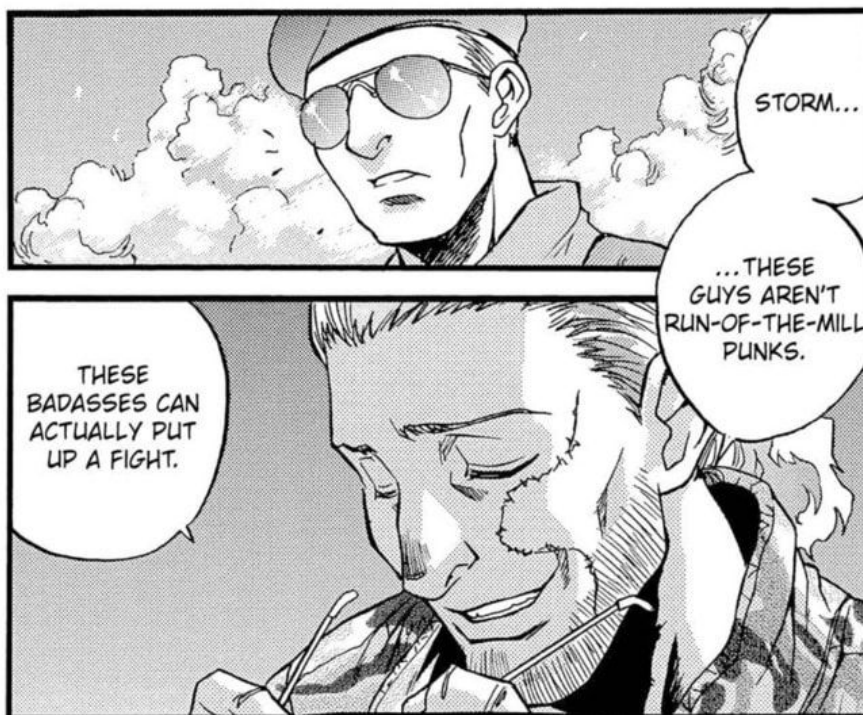
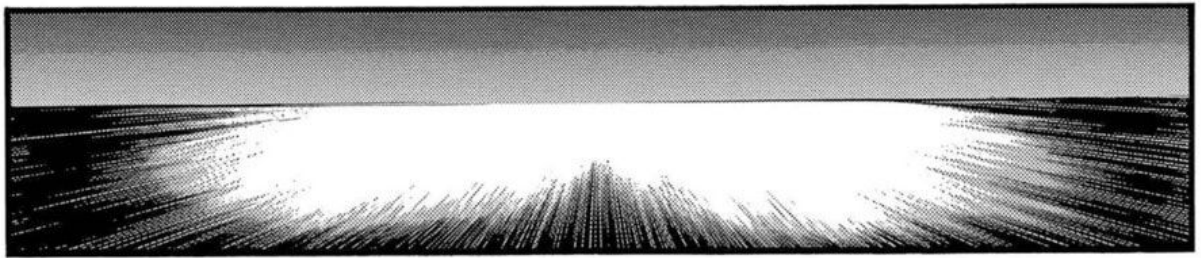
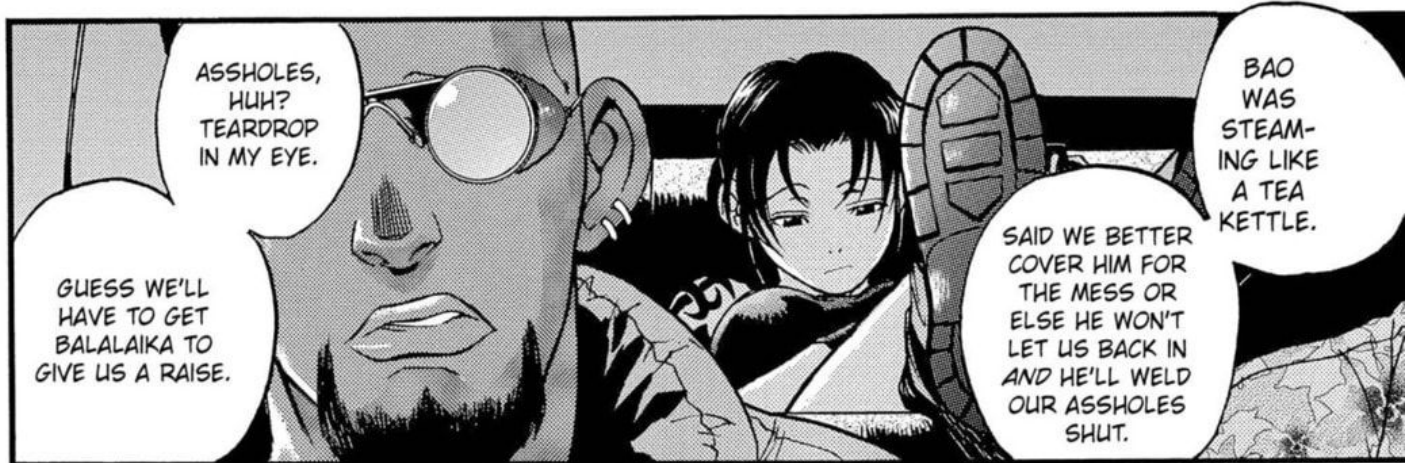
IF YOU DO,
I'LL WELD
YOUR ASSHOLE
SHUT AND
BORE A
NEW ONE
IN YOUR
HEAD AS A
REPLACEMENT!

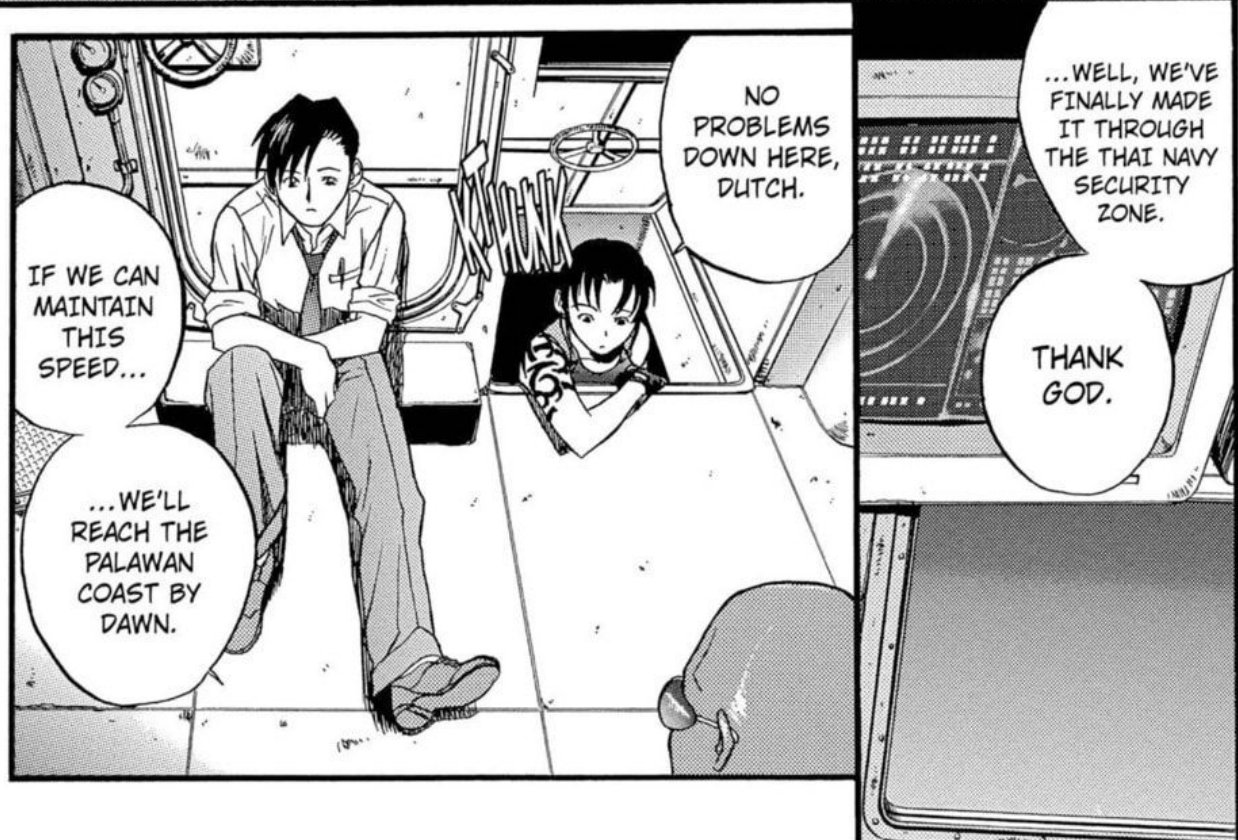
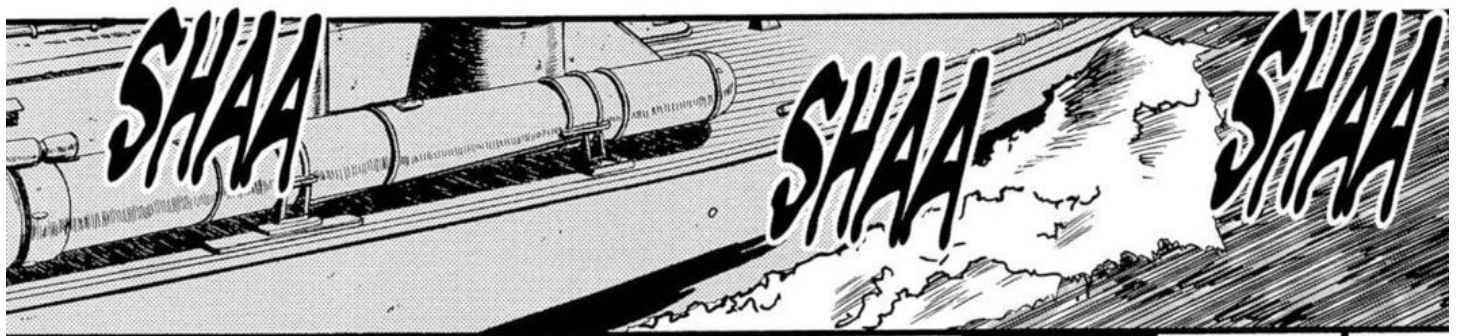
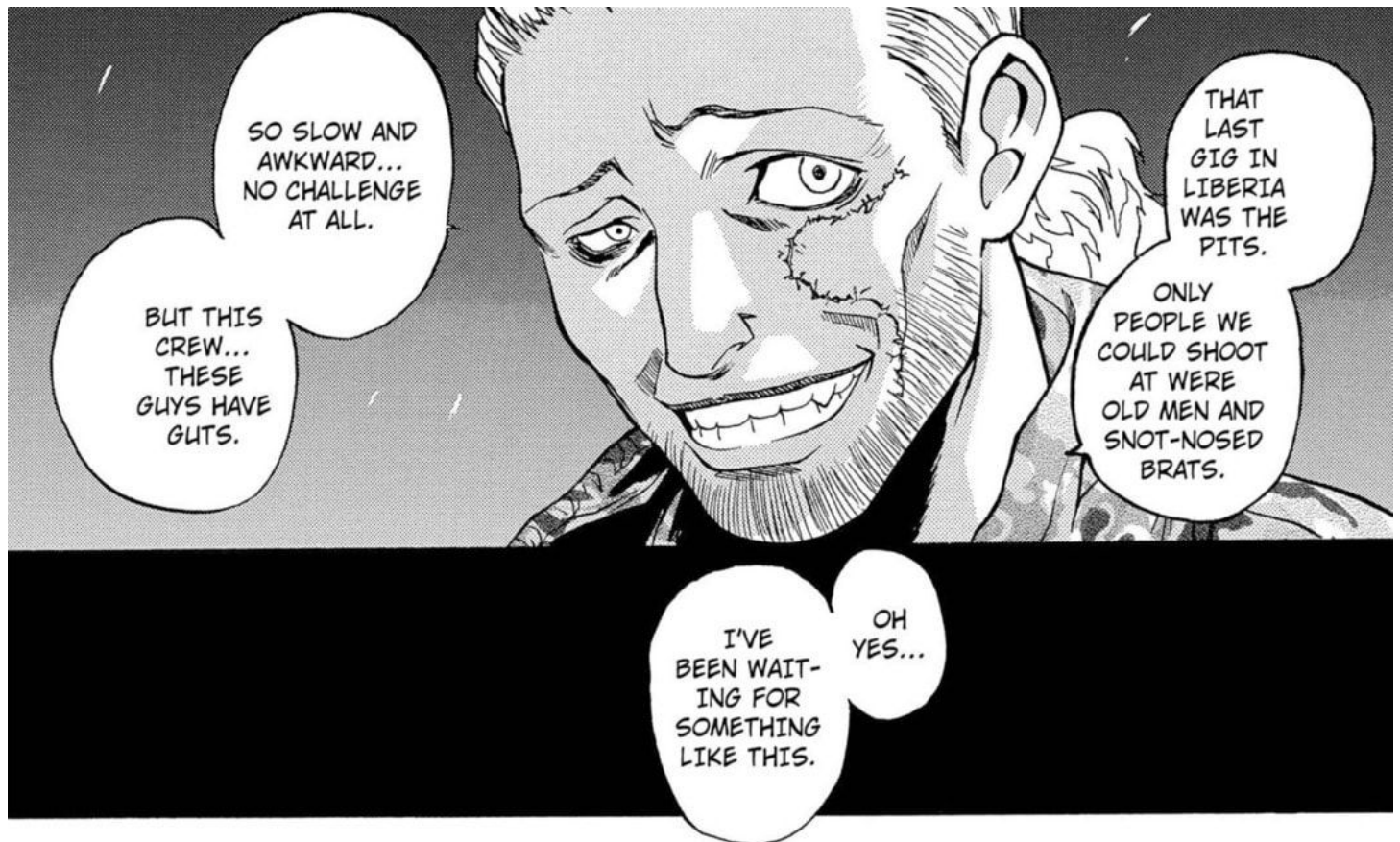














IF WE CAN'T CUT A DEAL WITH THEM, THEN WE'LL JUST DROP YOU OFF ON IN MALAYSIA SOMEPLACE.

BENNY IS TRYING TO CONTACT YOUR COMPANY RIGHT NOW.

OKAY, ROCK.



YOU DRAG ME AROUND ALL OVER THE PLACE...

...AND THEN THIS?!

WHAT THE HELL? ALL THIS, AND NOW YOU'RE JUST GONNA ABANDON ME?!



FOR GOD'S SAKE, AT LEAST TAKE ME SOMEPLACE SAFE!!

C'MON!!

I'M THROUGH WITH PIRATES, SHOOT-OUTS, AND GETTING IN TROUBLE!



I'VE HAD ENOUGH OF YOUR SHIT.



HEY, DUTCH?

AND ANOTHER THING... WE'RE COURTIERS...NO MORE, NO LESS.

BUT HEY, WE GOTTA MAKE A LIVING, SO EVERY ONCE IN A WHILE WE BREAK THE LAW. THAT'S IT... YOU GOT IT?

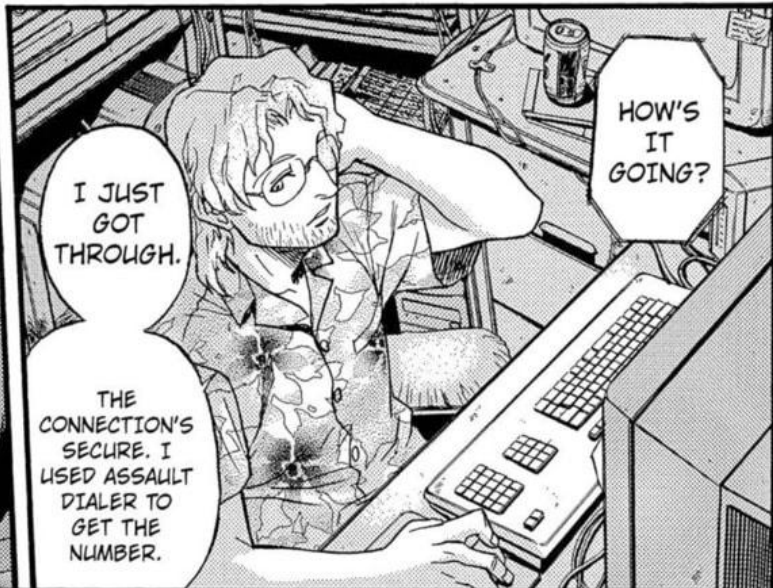
FIRST YOU'RE WHINING AND CRYING, AND NOW YOU WANT US TO BE YOUR FUCKIN' TAXI SERVICE?

YOU KNOW, I WOULDN'T MIND SHOWING YOU THE COLOR OF YOUR BRAINS, RIGHT HERE, RIGHT NOW.



ROCK, DO
YOU KNOW
A MR.
KAGEYAMA?

IS HE
YOUR
BOSS?



HOW'S
IT
GOING?

I JUST
GOT
THROUGH.

THE
CONNECTION'S
SECURE. I
USED ASSAULT
DIALER TO
GET THE
NUMBER.



OH YES,
OKAJIMA.
ABOUT THAT
DISK...

I'M
TERRIBLY
SORRY
ABOUT
THE DISK,
SIR...



SIR,
IT'S ME,
OKAJIMA!!

I'M...



I DON'T
FOLLOW
YOU...
SIR...?

UH,
SIR?

...THERE
NEVER WAS
ANY DISK
AND YOU'RE
ALREADY
DEAD.

UNDER-
STAND?

NOW
OKAJIMA...FOR
THE GOOD OF THE
50-THOUSAND-PLUS
WORKFORCE OF
ASAHI HEAVY
INDUSTRIES...

ACCEPT YOUR
FATE WITH
DIGNITY AND
PERISH IN
THE SOUTH
CHINA SEA
FOR US.

ASAHI IS ON
THE BRINK OF BANK-
RUPTCY. TO SAVE
THE COMPANY, WE
SUBMITTED A
PROPOSAL TO A
CERTAIN NATION
REGARDING NUCLEAR
TECHNOLOGY.

BUT THE U.N.
BANS ALL SUCH
TECHNOLOGY
TRANSFER TO THIS
NATION. THAT DISK
CONTAINED OUR
DETAILED PROPOSAL
PLANS.



I'M
SORRY
OKAJIMA.

S-SIR...
WHAT?!

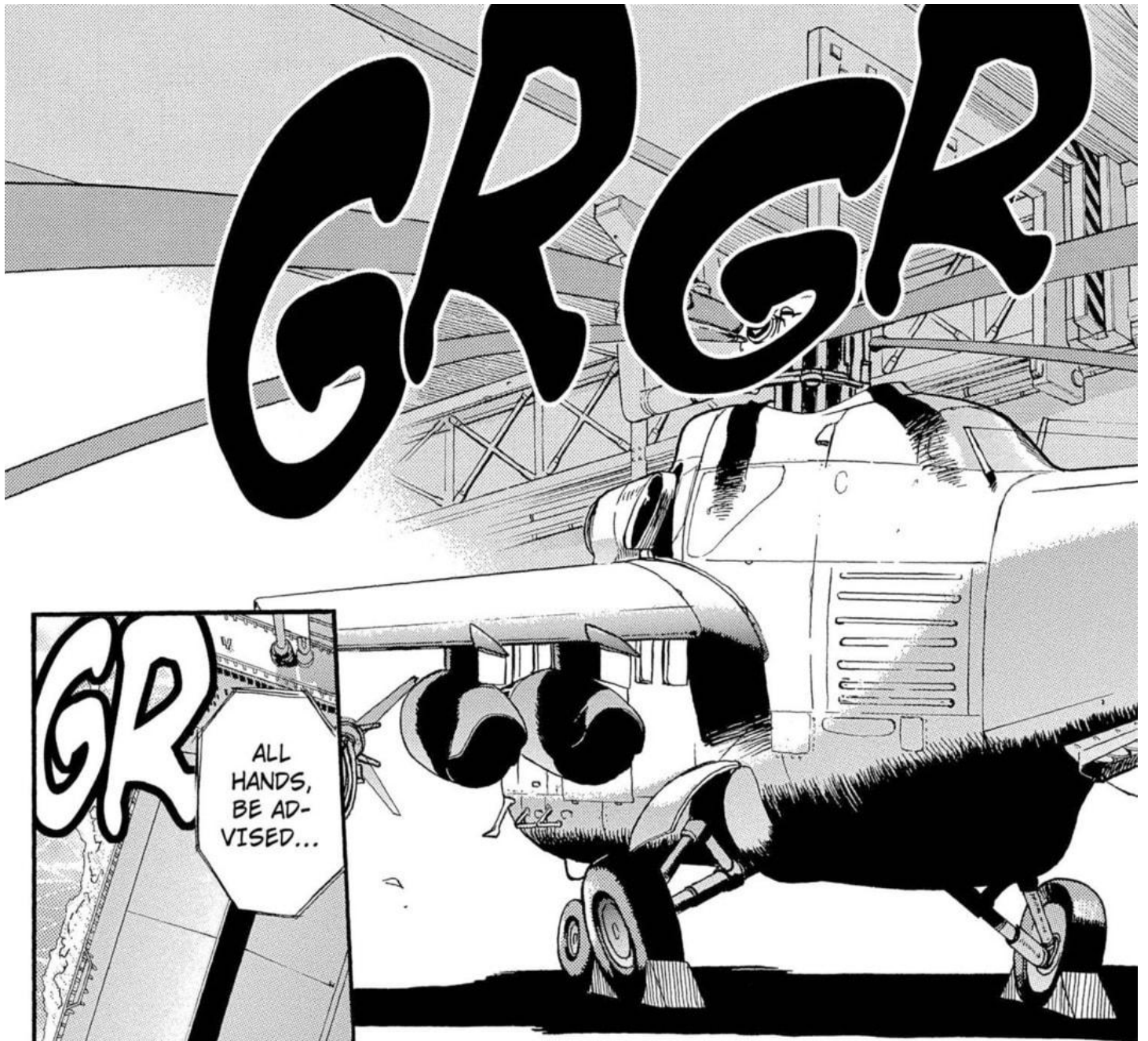
SPECIALISTS
IN EXTRA-
LEGAL AFFAIRS
SHOULD BE
THERE ANY
MOMENT NOW.

ALL SENIOR
MANAGEMENT,
INCLUDING THE
C.E.O., WILL
ATTEND YOUR
FUNERAL.

VR
FULL COM-
PLEMENT,
CAPTAIN!

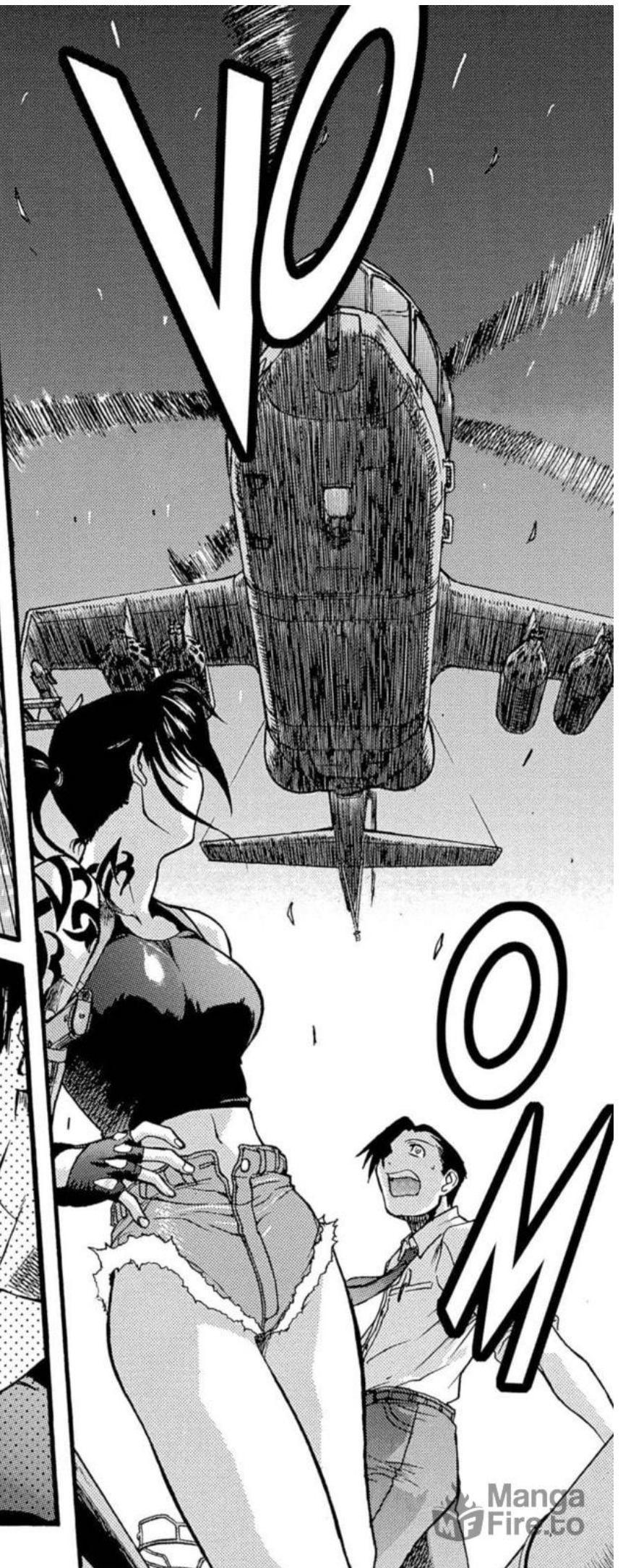
THE JAPANESE
ARE PAYING FOR
EVERYTHING,
INCLUDING
MISSILES.
PRETORIA HQ
IS LETTING US
HANDLE THIS OUR
WAY...NO STRINGS
ATTACHED!

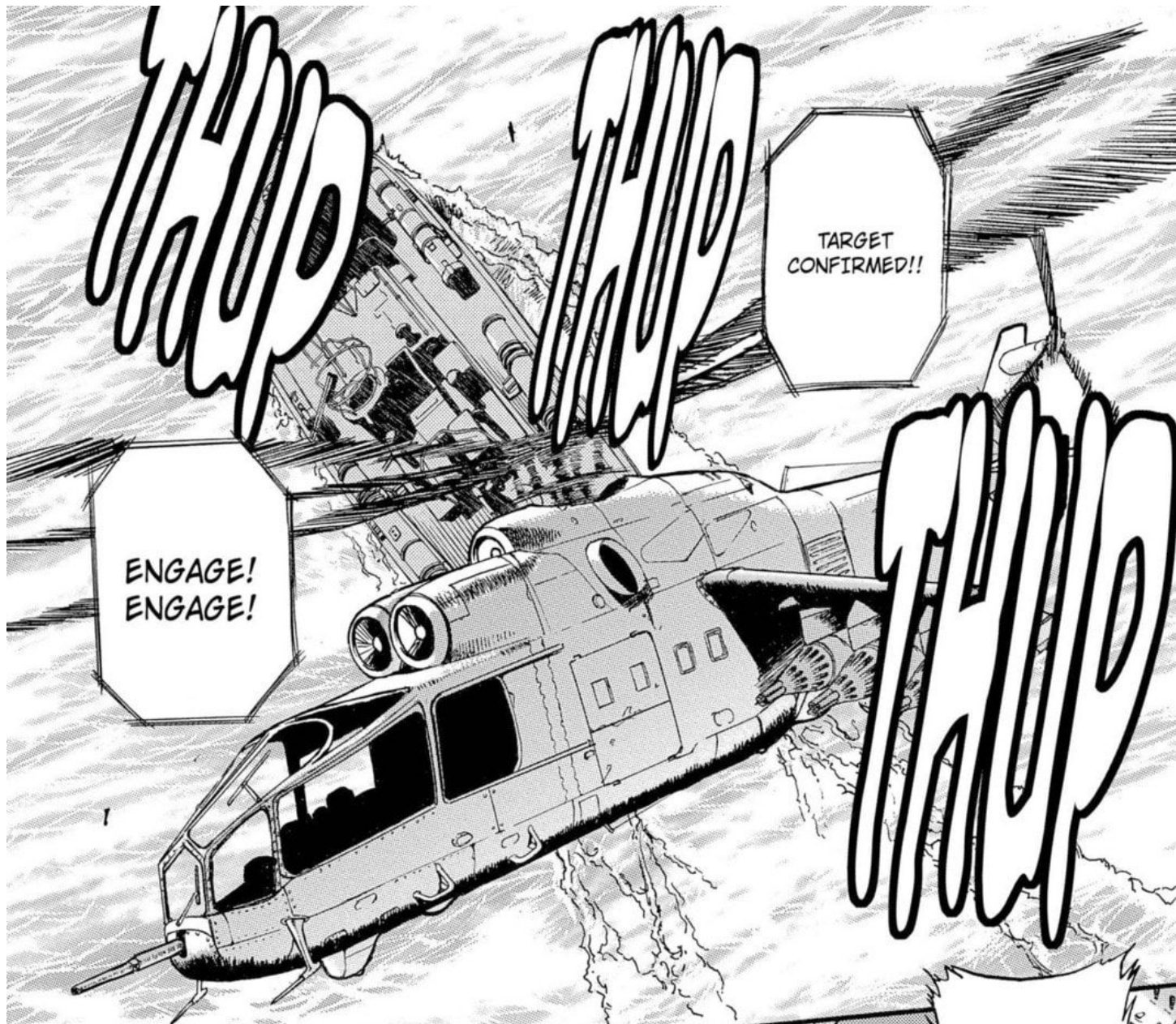
EEEEEEEEEEEE
WHAT'S OUR
WEAPON
LOADOUT?

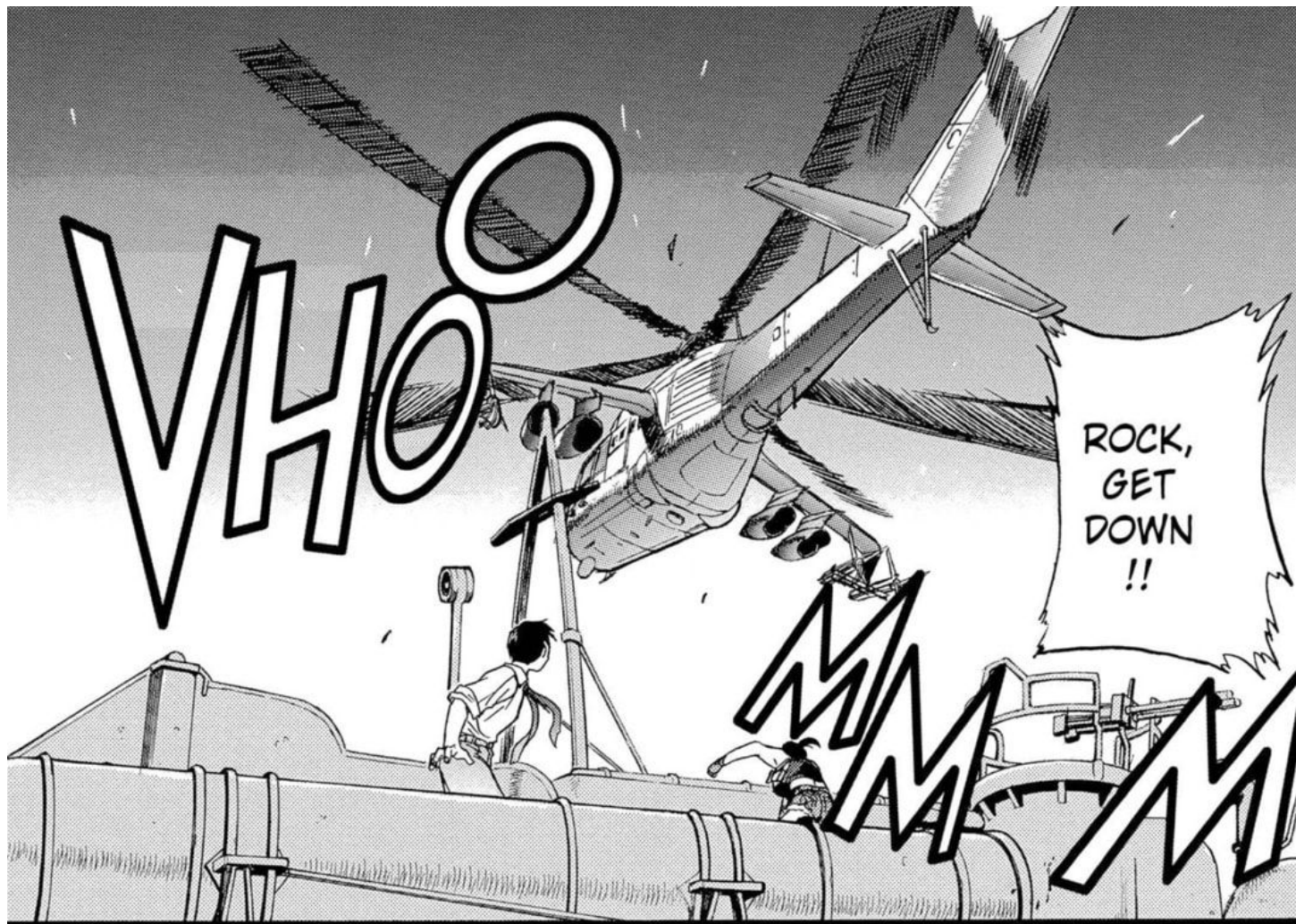














REVV!
REVV,
LISTEN
UP!

WHAT?
I CAN'T
HEAR
YOU!!



YARGH!



THEY'RE
RUNNING.
STAY ON
THEIR
TAIL!



WE'RE
IN DEEP
SHIT!

GET THE
GEPARD
ANTITANK
RIFLE,
DAMMIT!



YEAH, I
NOTICED!
GODDAMN
IT!!





DO SOMETHING!
RAMBO SHOT
ONE OF THOSE
DOWN WITH A
BOW AND
ARROW!

BLOW
ME!



WHY DON'T
YOU TRY IT,
FUCKER!!



WHAT
THE
...!

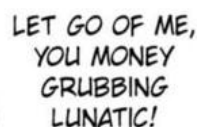
WHAT THE
HELL ARE
YOU DOIN',
ROCK?!

ARE YOU
NUTS?!
THEY'LL
SHOOT US
FULL OF
HOLES!



I CAN'T
GET A
CLEAR
SHOT!!

HOLD
HER
STEADY,
DUTCH!

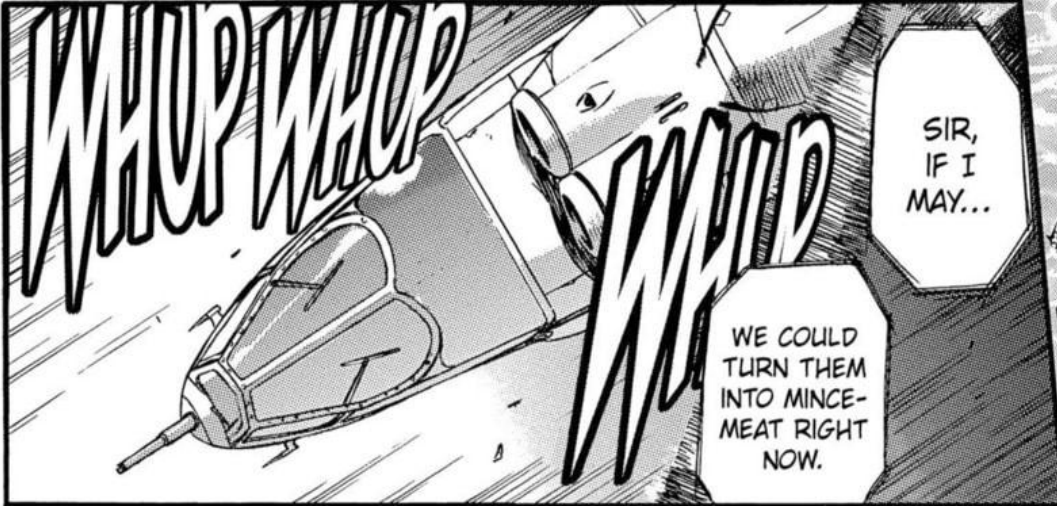




I SAID, INCREASE OUR ALTITUDE AND FLY TOWARD THE PALAWAN STRAITS.

GIVE ME SOME ALTITUDE.

SIR?



WHOP WHOP

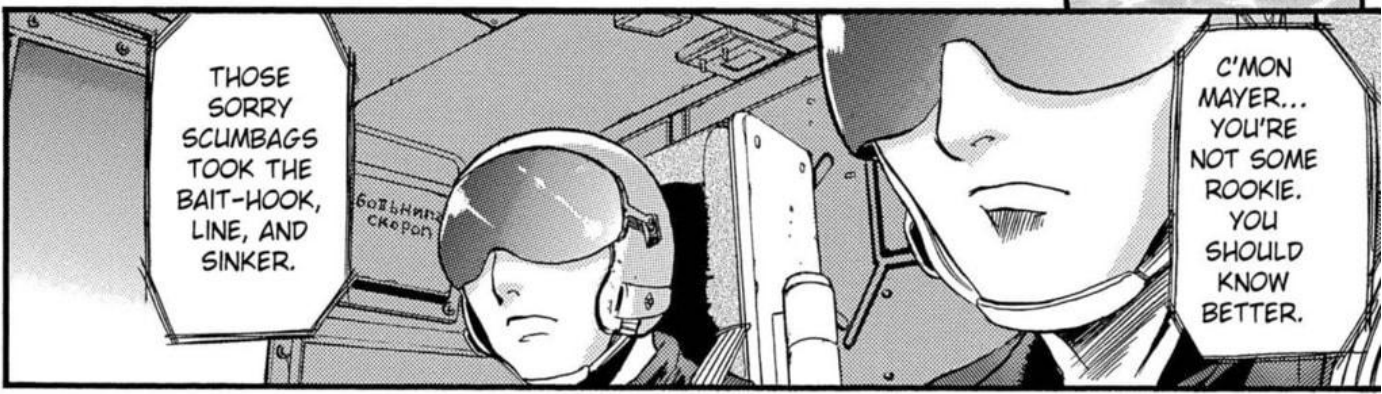
WHOP

SIR, IF I MAY...

WE COULD TURN THEM INTO MINCE-MEAT RIGHT NOW.



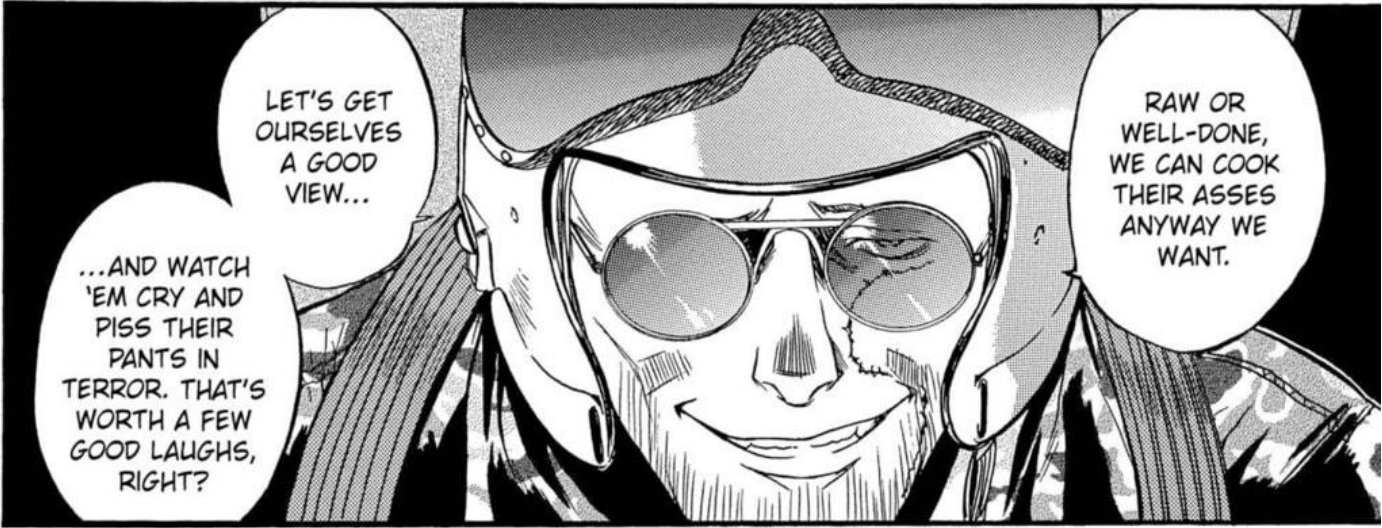
VREE VREE VREE



THOSE SORRY SCUMBAGS TOOK THE BAIT-HOOK, LINE, AND SINKER.

БОЛЬШАЯ СКОРОСТЬ

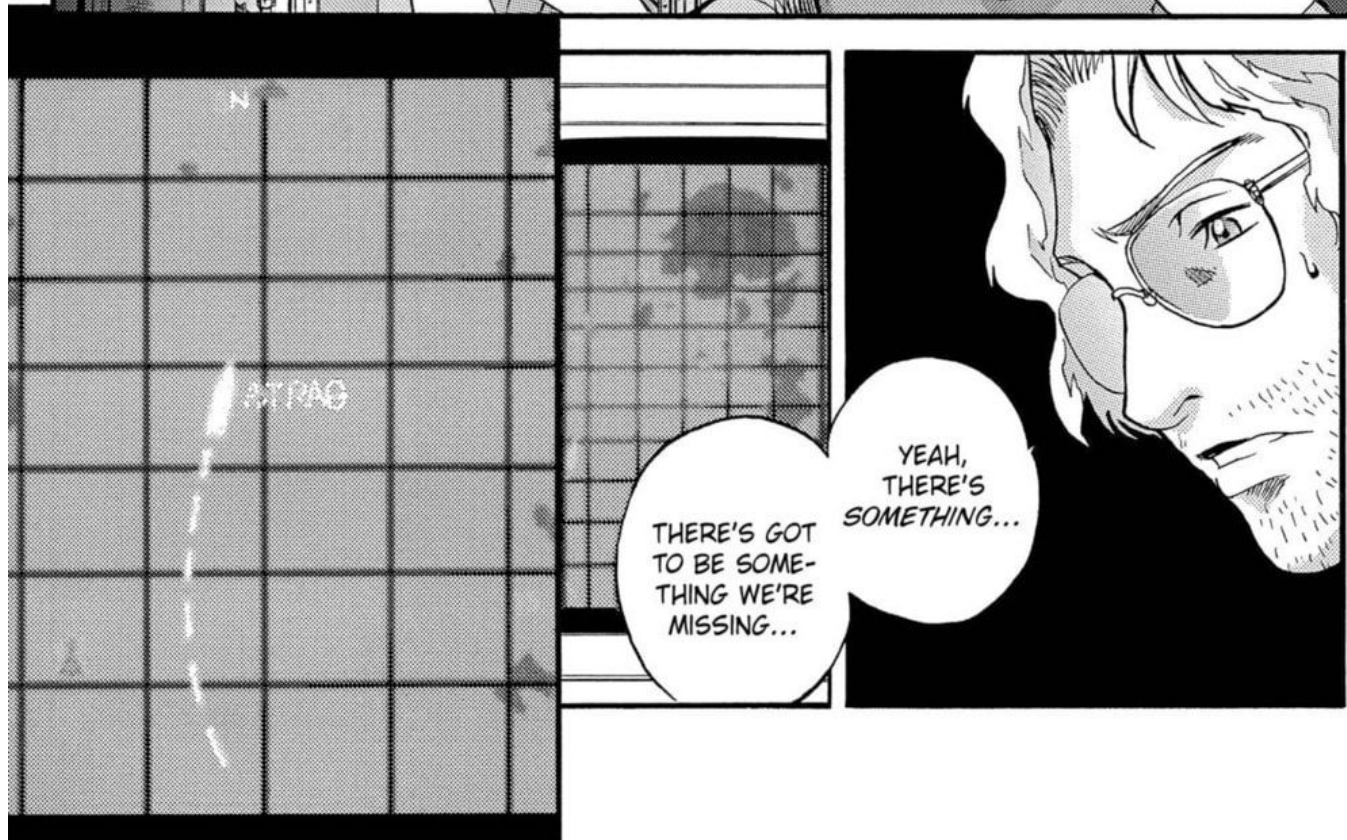
C'MON MAYER... YOU'RE NOT SOME ROOKIE. YOU SHOULD KNOW BETTER.



LET'S GET OURSELVES A GOOD VIEW...

...AND WATCH 'EM CRY AND PISS THEIR PANTS IN TERROR. THAT'S WORTH A FEW GOOD LAUGHS, RIGHT?

RAW OR WELL-DONE, WE CAN COOK THEIR ASSES ANYWAY WE WANT.





DUTCH,
TAKE A
LOOK AT
THE
CHARTS!

GRIND

AH, DAMN!
I GOT IT!



WHAT WE
THOUGHT
WAS AN
ESCAPE
ROUTE...

...IS A
STINKING
TRAP!!

W

...THE
CHANNEL?!

YEAH, THE
FREAKIN'
CHANNEL!

W

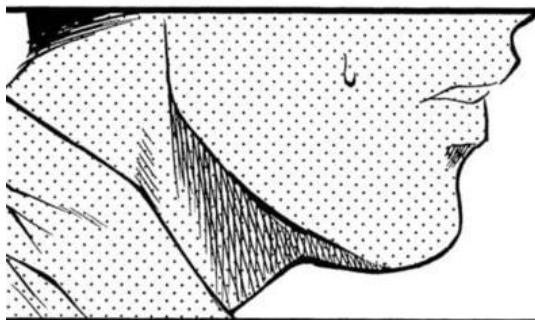
RR

THIS AREA IS
FULL OF REEFS
LEADING ALL
THE WAY UP
TO PALAWAN...

WHICH MEANS
WE HAVE NO
ROOM TO RUN!!







DUTCH...



WHAT ABOUT IT?

OF COURSE.



OR, I DON'T KNOW, SAY...

NEXT QUESTION...

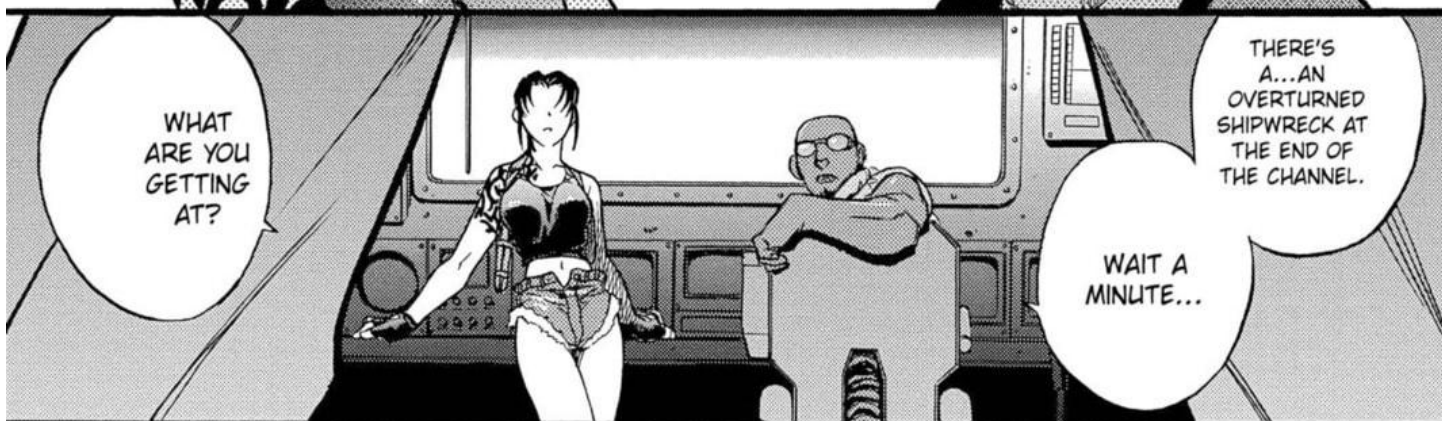
...SOMETHING YOU COULD USE AS A RAMP?

KNOW OF ANY ROCK FORMATION YOU COULD LAUNCH US OFF OF?



THE LAYOUT OF THE REEF CHANNEL EXITS...

ARE YOU FAMILIAR WITH WHAT'S THERE?



WHAT ARE YOU GETTING AT?

THERE'S A...AN OVERTURNED SHIPWRECK AT THE END OF THE CHANNEL.

WAIT A MINUTE...



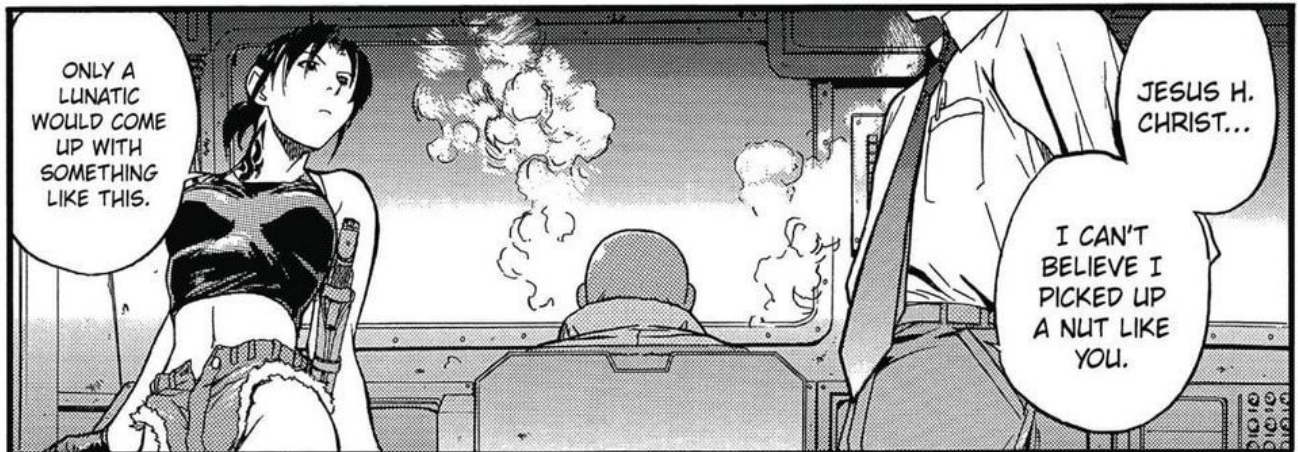
NOW,
LISTEN
CLOSELY...



YOU JUST
SAID IT
YOURSELF...

WE COULD
BLOW
THEM TO
THE MOON.





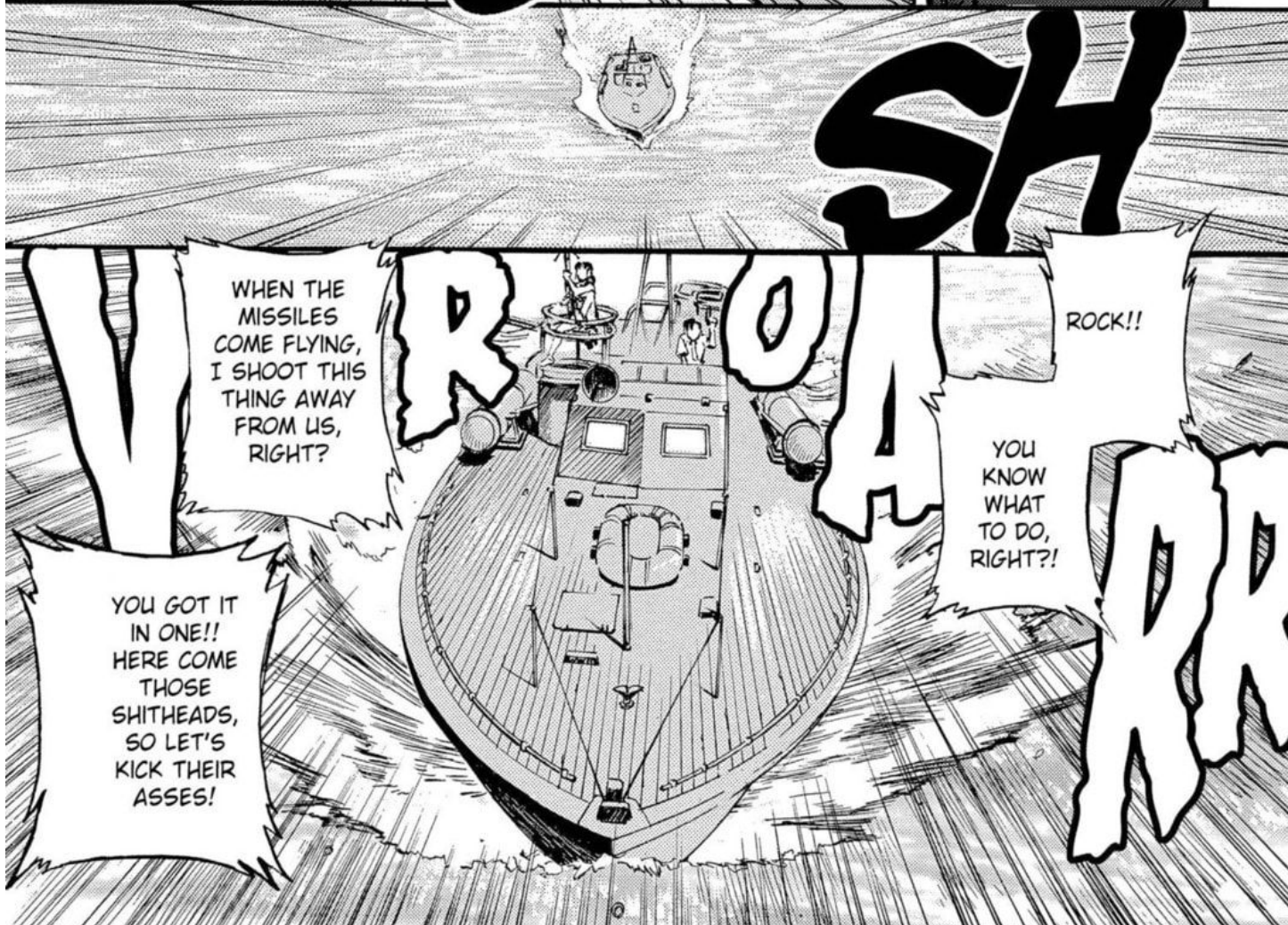
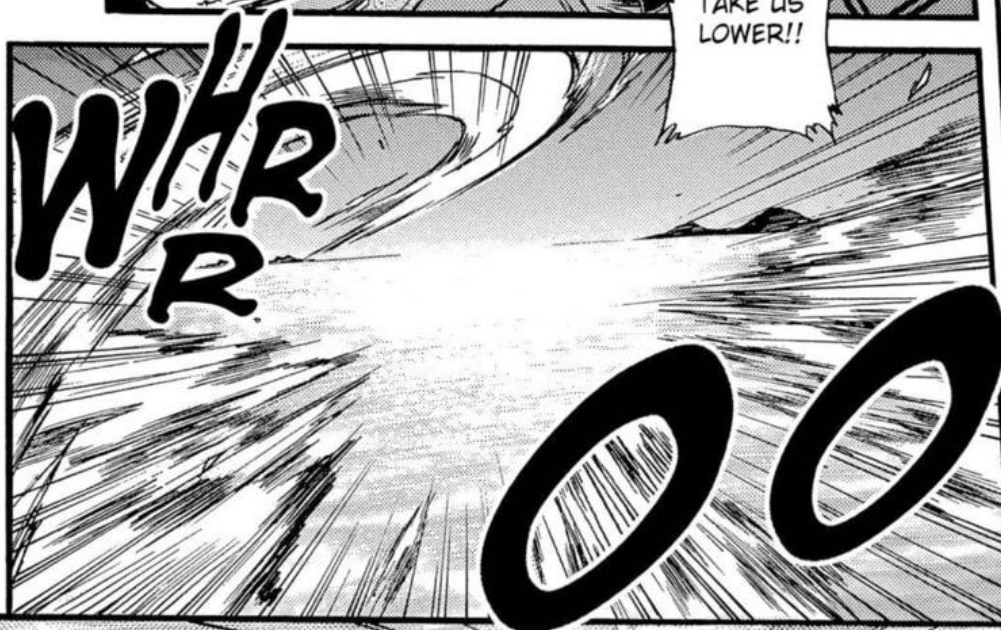


FINISH LINE?
FUCK NO,
IT'S THE
END OF THE
LINE FOR
THEM!!

TAKE US
LOWER!!



WE'RE
ON
STATION
ABOVE
THE
FINISH
LINE.



WHEN THE
MISSILES
COME FLYING,
I SHOOT THIS
THING AWAY
FROM US,
RIGHT?

ROCK!!

YOU
KNOW
WHAT
TO DO,
RIGHT?!

YOU GOT IT
IN ONE!!
HERE COME
THOSE
SHITHEADS,
SO LET'S
KICK THEIR
ASSES!



ZACHAKK

HERE
THEY
COME,
ROCK!

**SH
WEE**

FOOM

SHREEEEEE

**OO
OO**



150
FEET AND
CLOSING
!!

WE'RE
ON THE
ALPINE
RUN!!

YOU TWO,
GET BACK
IN THE
CABIN!!





FORTY FEET!

BRACE FOR IMPACT!

DROP ANCHOR !!

SIXTY FEET!

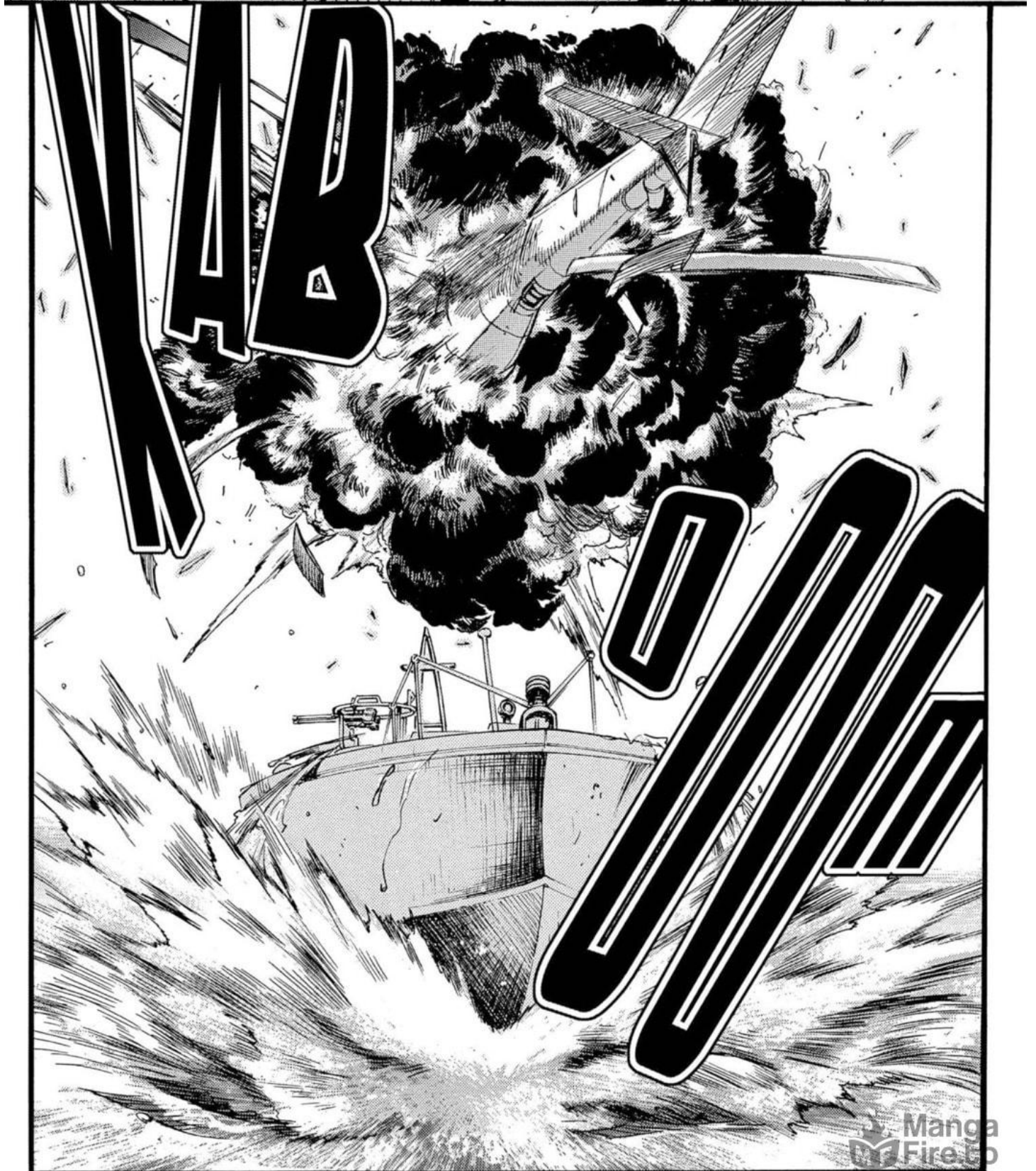
I'M GONNA FUCK YOU UP...

...BABY !!

Z Z ZOO SH









AMEN
HALLELUJAH
PEANUT
BUTTER.

EVEN MY
SHADES
ARE OKAY.

I DON'T
BELIEVE IT.
MY HEAD'S
STILL
ATTACHED.

...



WHAT
HAPPENED
TO HIM?!

CHRIST,
WHERE'S
ROCK?!

HE'S
OVER
HERE,
OUT
COLD.



BENNY,
YOU
ALL
RIGHT?

MY
EQUIPMENT'S
TRASHED!
YOU GET ME
A NEW SET,
OR I'M ON
STRIKE!



THANK
FUCKING
CHRIST.

BUT
ONCE IS
ENOUGH,
FUCK YOU
VERY
MUCH.



MAN, HE
SOUNDED LIKE
WILLIAM HOLDEN
IN *THE WILD
BLINCH*.

WHEN WE
CRASHED HE
HOLLERED
OUT LIKE YOU
WOULDN'T
BELIEVE.

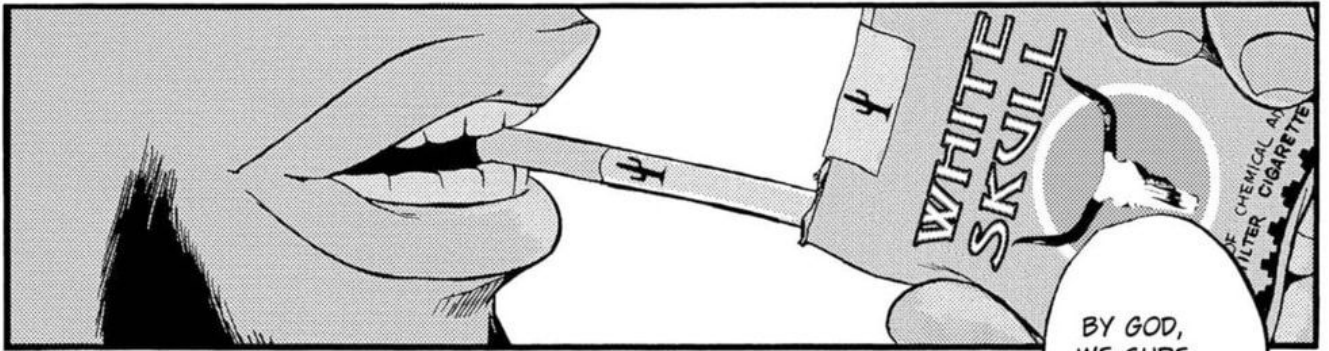


YEAH.

YOU GOT
THAT
RIGHT.

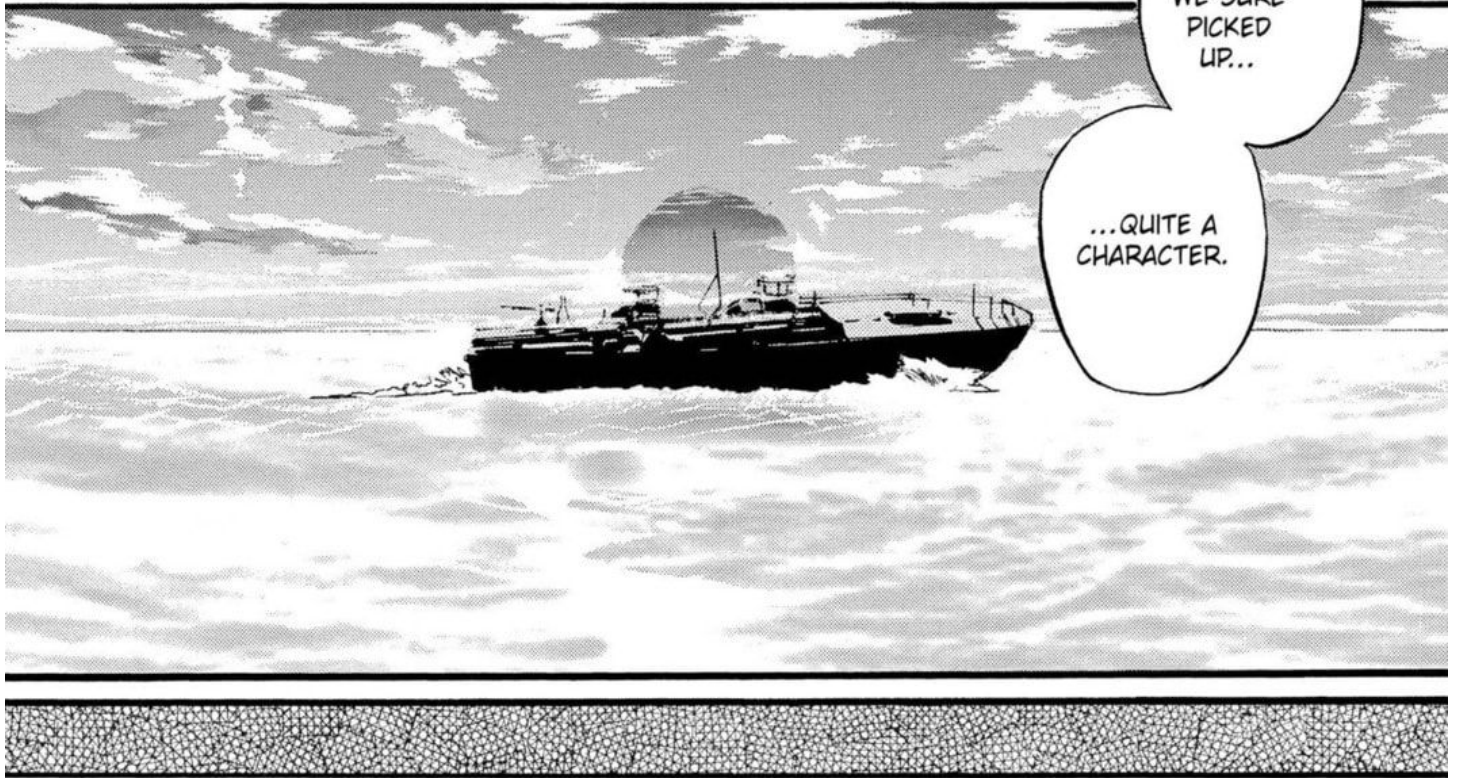
WE'LL
GET A
LOAD OF
THIS...

HE LOOKS
MIGHTY
PLEASED
WITH
HIMSELF.

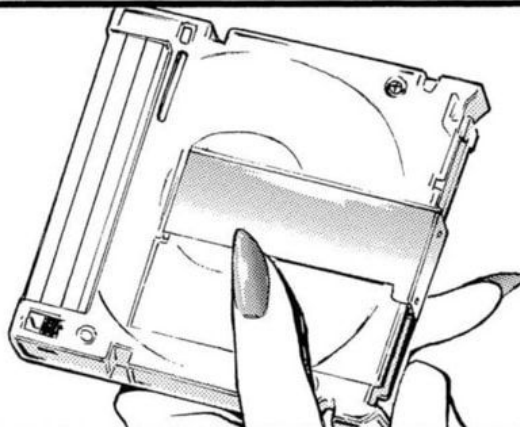


BY GOD,
WE SURE
PICKED
UP...

...QUITE A
CHARACTER.



GREAT
WORK.
THANK YOU.



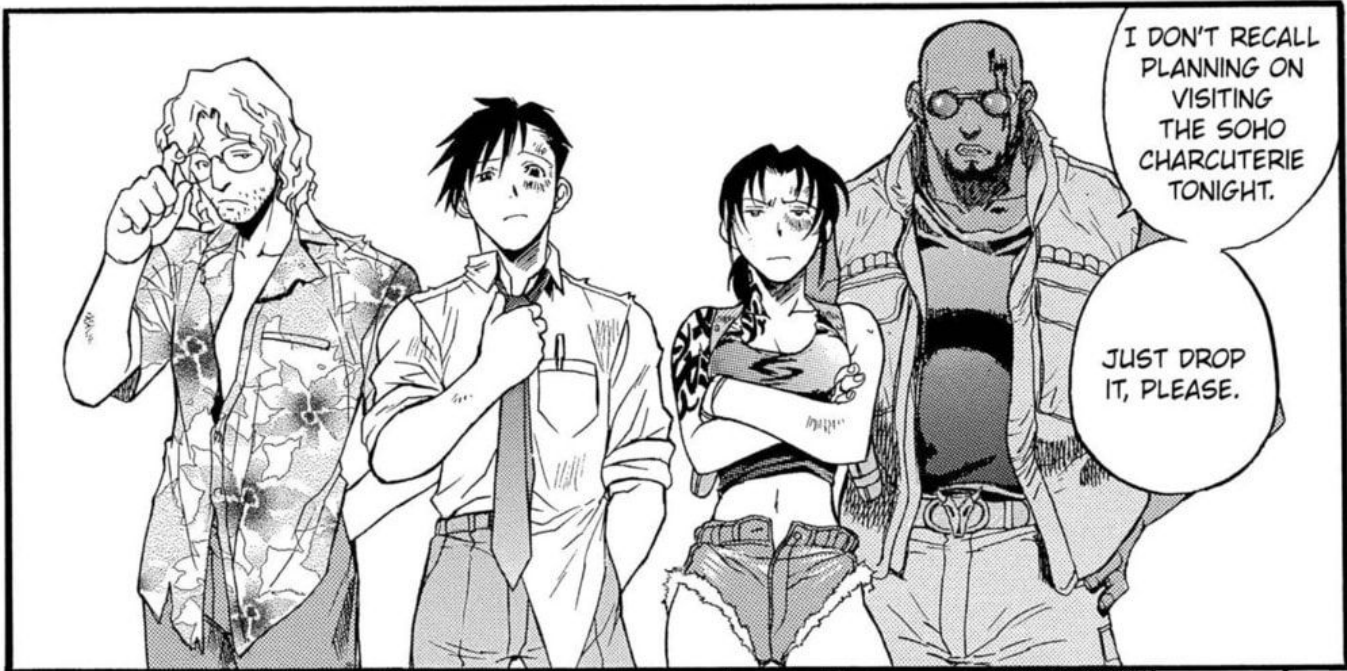
DISK
DELIVERY
CONFIRMED.

I MUST SAY YOU ALL LOOK TERRIBLE.



I DO LOVE IT WHEN BUSINESS GOES SMOOTHLY.

BUT YOU KNOW DUTCH...



I DON'T RECALL PLANNING ON VISITING THE SOHO CHARCUTERIE TONIGHT.

JUST DROP IT, PLEASE.



SO...
ARE WE READY TO SETTLE THIS AFFAIR AMICABLY NOW?

...AND WE DID THEM OURS.

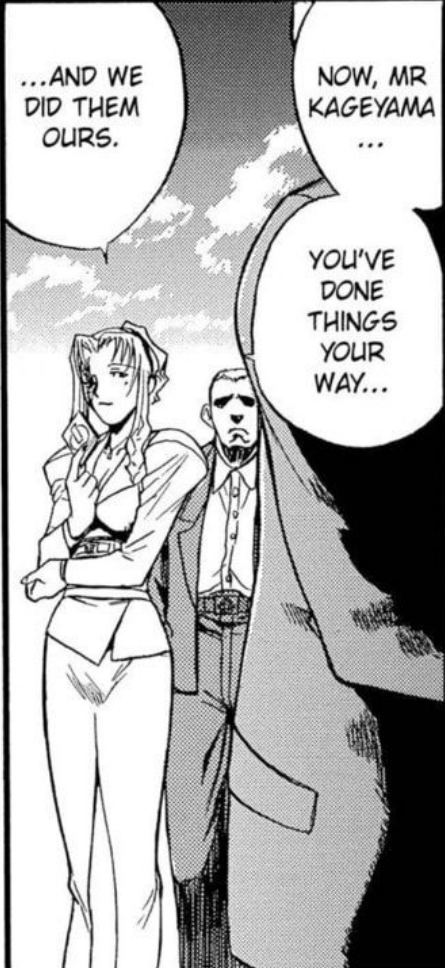
NOW, MR KAGEYAMA ...

YOU'VE DONE THINGS YOUR WAY...

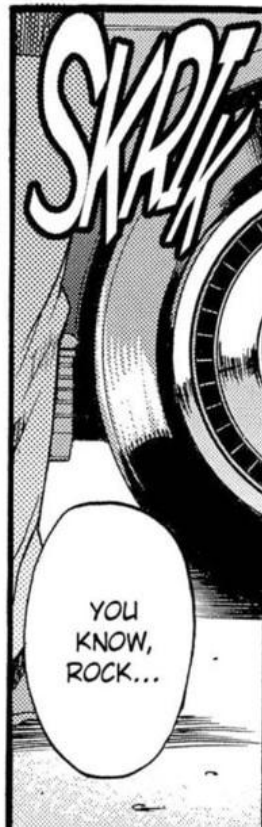


VERY WELL.
YOU'LL FIND THAT HOTEL MOSCOW WILL KEEP ITS END OF THE BARGAIN.

IT SEEMS WE HAVE NO CHOICE.









A GOOD
MORNING TO
YOU, CREW
OF THE
SAINT
JONES.

TESTING,
TESTING,
ONE
TWO...

AH...

...UH, HOW
DO I SAY
THIS...

...PLEASE
HALT YOUR
VESSEL.

WHILE I DO
REALIZE
THAT MY
REQUEST IS
SUDDEN...

SOMEBODY
OVER THERE
YAMMERING
ABOUT SOME-
THING.

THERE'S
A BOAT
BLOCKING
OUR PATH.

WHAT'S
GOING
ON?!

NOW THIS IS
JUST MY
PERSONAL
OPINION...

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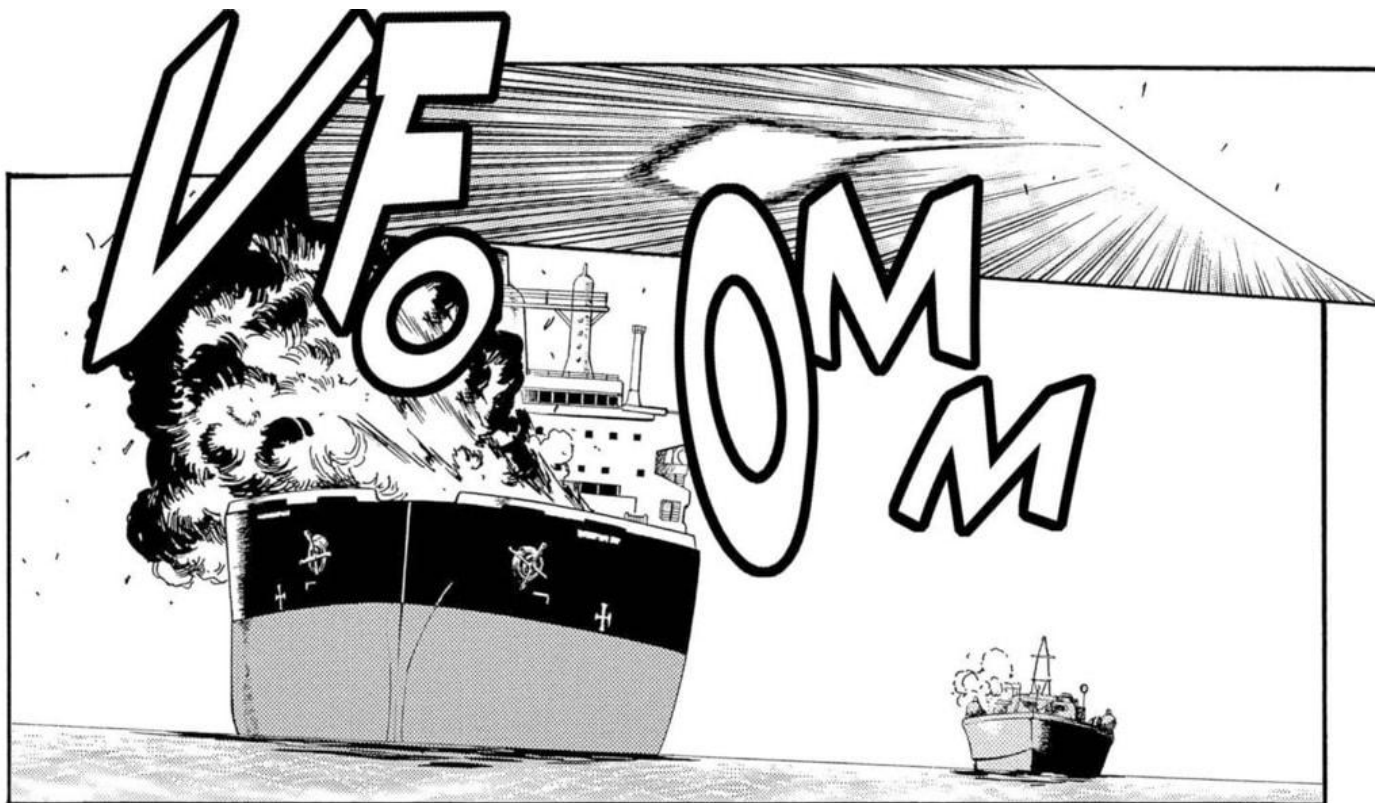
BUT I
BELIEVE...

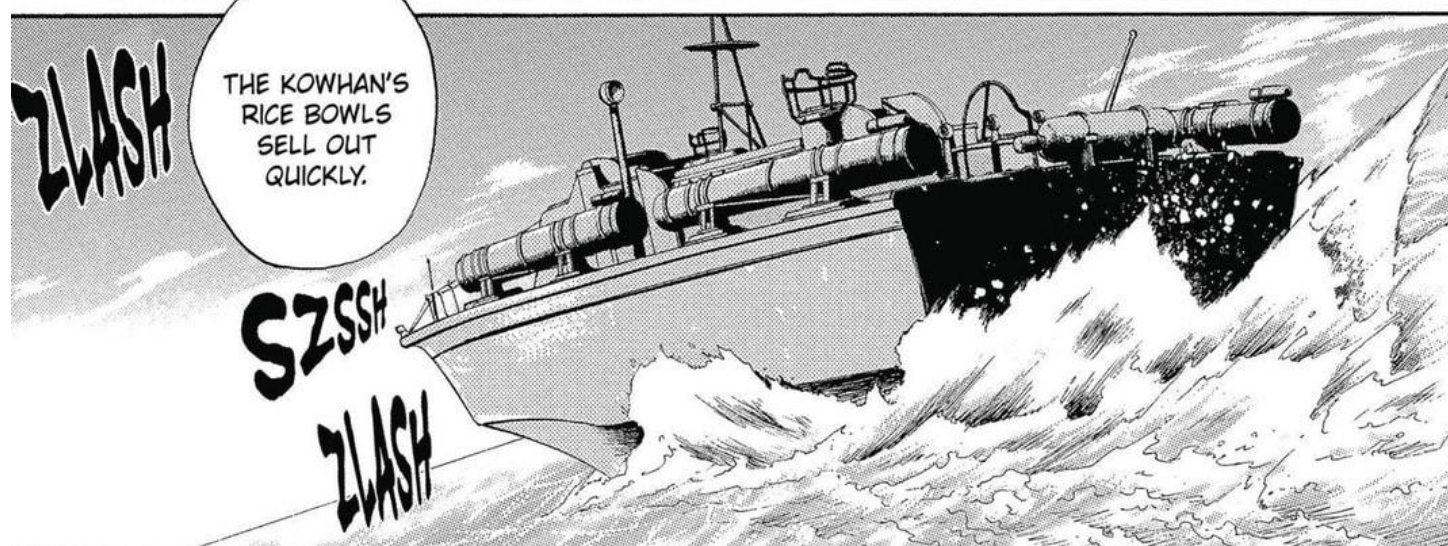
...COMPLYING
QUICKLY...

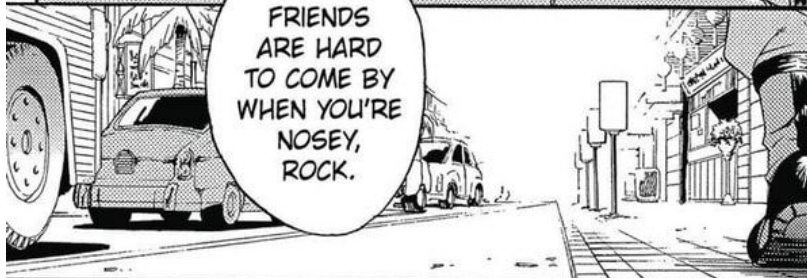
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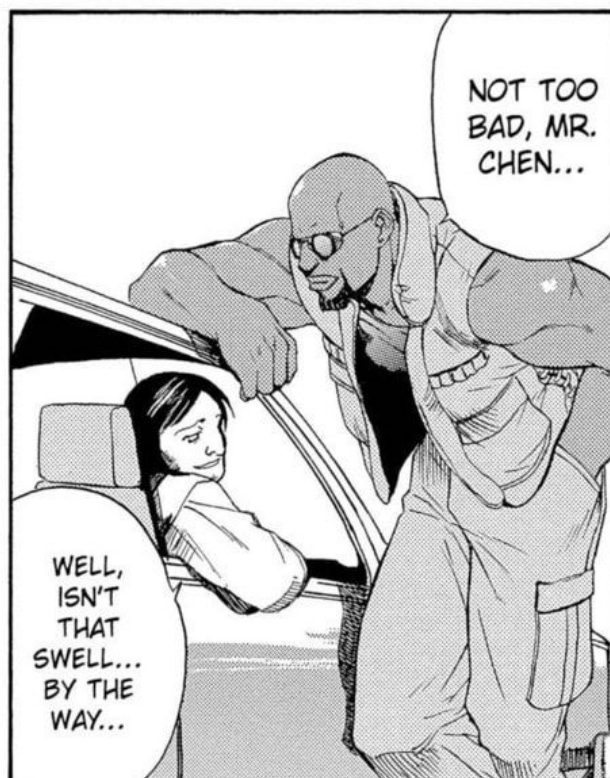
...WOULD BE
VERY MUCH IN
YOUR BEST
INTERESTS...











...WORK
WITH THAT
SLY, FRY-
FACED CUNT?

JUST HOW
LONG ARE
YOU GOING
TO...

THEY'VE GOT
NO HONOR AND
DON'T PLAY BY
THE RULES. AND
NOW THEY'RE
REACHING OUT
INTO THE SHIP-
PING ROUTES...

WHOREHOUSES,
RACKETEERING,
HEROIN
SMUGGLING
ROUTES... THAT
IVAN BITCH
SNAGGED 'EM
ALL.

ONCE THEY
HAVE THAT, ALL
OUR ASSES'LL
BE HUNG OUT
TO DRY.



I'M
TALKING
ABOUT THAT
GODDAMNED
RUSSIAN...

EVER SINCE
THE RUSSKIES
MOVED IN,
BUSINESS
HAS BEEN
HURTIN'...
HURTING BAD,
DUTCH.

I DON'T
GET WHAT
YOU'RE
SAYING...

WHAT
ARE YOU
TALKING
ABOUT?

TRD:192

BREAK
WITH
HER, AND
DO IT
NOW.

WHAT I'M
SAYIN' IS,
BUTT OUT OF
THAT GIG,
DUTCH...

WHEN YOU SOLD
JUNK TO THE NPA
WE WERE THE
ONES DOING THE
HAULING...

WE HAD SOME
BIG PROBLEMS
BACK THEN, BUT
WHO SKIPPED
OUT WHEN
THINGS GOT
HOT?

I'M IN A GOOD
MOOD, SO
I'LL TELL YOU
SOMETHING,
MR. CHEN...

EVEN BAD
GUYS GOTTA
HAVE SOME
PRINCIPLES,
YOU DIG?



OH, I
SEE...

AT LEAST
BALALAIKA IS
BETTER AT
KEEPING HER
WORD THAN
YOU ARE.



YOU TRYING
TO START
SOMETHING
AGAIN,
DUTCH?

DON'T
BRING UP
THE PAST
LIKE SOME
DRIED-UP
OLD HAG.



REGRETS
ALWAYS
COME
LATER, YOU
KNOW?



DUTCH!!



...I'M WILLING
TO SHIP YOUR
GOODS IF YOU
AGREE TO MY
TERMS.

THAT'S ALL
THERE IS
TO IT, MR.
CHEN.



THP

BETTER USE
YOUR HEAD IF
YOU WANNA
STAY AFLOAT,
MR. CHEN.

THERE WON'T
BE A NEXT
TIME IF YOU
PULL THAT
SHIT AGAIN.

ACK!

SH
OOMP

RISE AND
SHINE,
SAILOR!!

WE GOT
WORK TO
DO!!

WHERE
TO?

JUST A PICK-
UP ON SOME
EMBEZZLED
GOODS AT PHU
QUOC ISLAND,
COURTESY OF
THE VIETNAMESE
ARMY.

WE HAD NO
PLANS FOR
TODAY,
ANYWAY...
HARD WORK
IS ITS OWN
REWARD.

JOB
JUST
CAME
IN.

IT'S A
GIG FROM
DONNY
YEN...

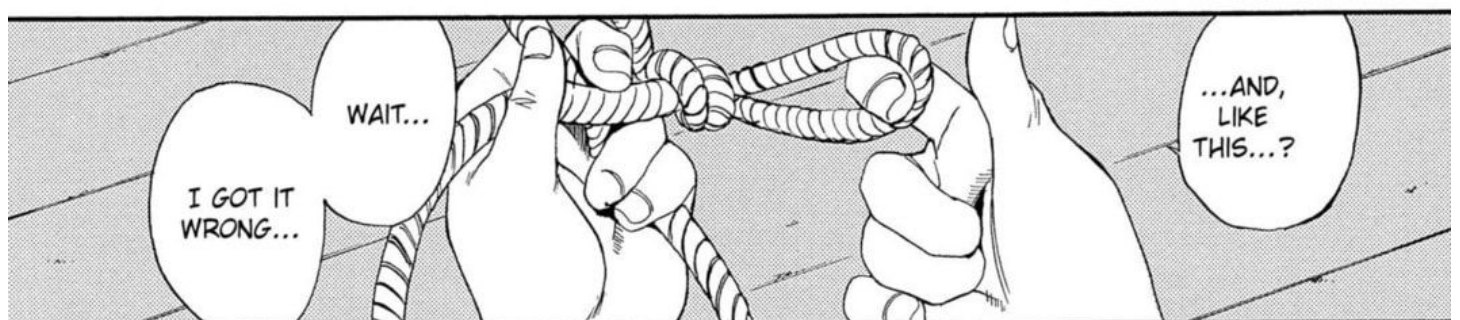
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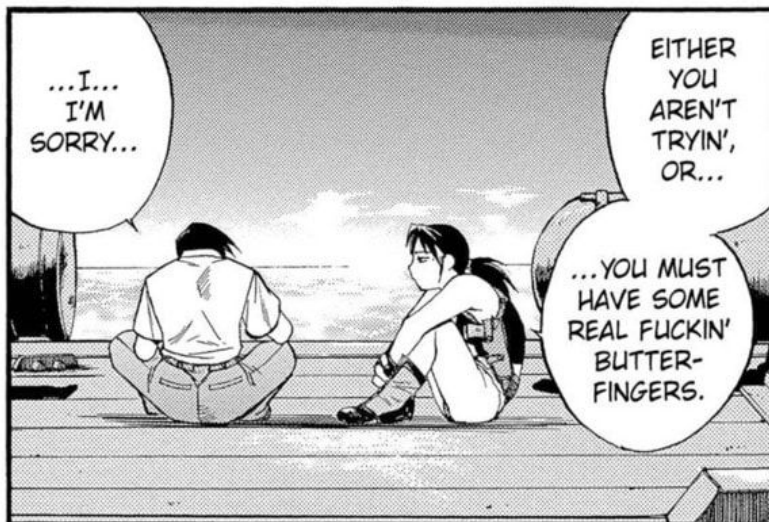
JEEZ, JUST
HOW LONG
DOES IT
TAKE YOU
TO GET
DRESSED?

I CAN'T
BELIEVE A
SLUG LIKE
YOU GETS
PAID THE
SAME AS I
DO...

ALL
RIGHT!
ALL RIGHT
ALREADY
!







WHAT I DID IN
THE PAST IS
NO DIFFERENT
FROM WHAT I
DO NOW.



WHAT...

SO
REVVY
...

WHAT DID
YOU DO
BEFORE
THIS?



THAT'S
HOW
EVERYONE
DEALS
WITH IT.

PUTTING UP
WITH IT IS
PART OF
THE JOB.

I DIDN'T
WANT TO
END UP
ON THE
STREET.



...YOU
RAN AROUND
NEIGHBORHOOD
RIVERS WAVING A
CUTLASS WHEN
YOU WERE A KID?



MY STORY
AIN'T
WORTH
SHIT.

...IT'S
THE
TRUTH.

I STOLE. I
KILLED. I DID
ALL SORTS
OF VILE CRAP.





DUTCH?

WE GOT
CONTACTS
INBOUND.



THEY'RE
SMALL
BUT
FAST.

MY GUESS
IS THEY'RE
RIVER
BOATS.

SHOULDN'T
BE ANY
COMMERCIAL
SHIPPING
OR MILITARY
TYPES AROUND
HERE.

CAN YOU
TELL THEIR
MAKE?



YEAH, IT
STINKS.

KNOW
WHAT
I'M
SAYIN'?



OH, I
LOVE
THAT
SMELL...

I'D
KNOW IT
ANYWHERE.



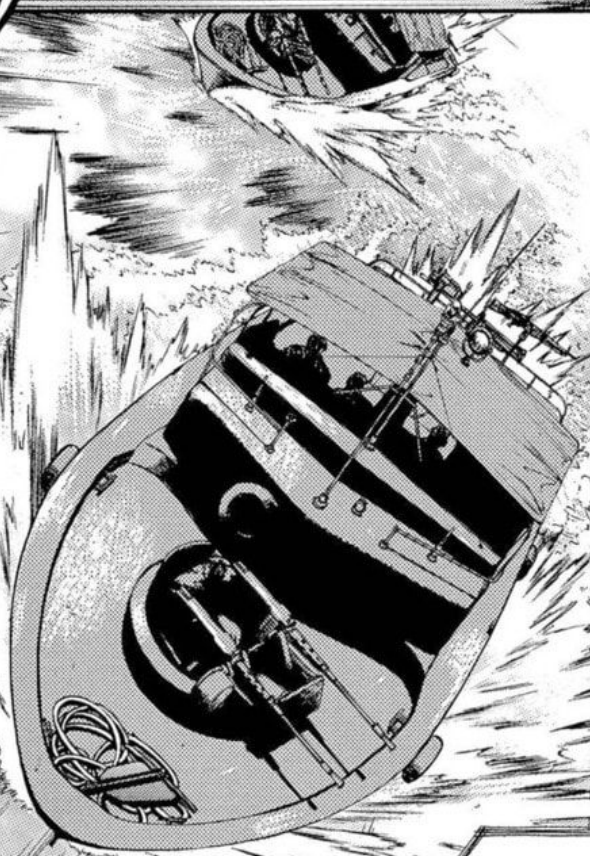
HEY
DUTCH...

...I
SMELL
SOME-
THING.

...BLOOD
AND
GUN-
SMOKE.

THE
STENCH
OF...

SHLASH



HELLO?
HELLO?!

YOU
READ ME,
LAGOON?!

SHLASH

SHLASH



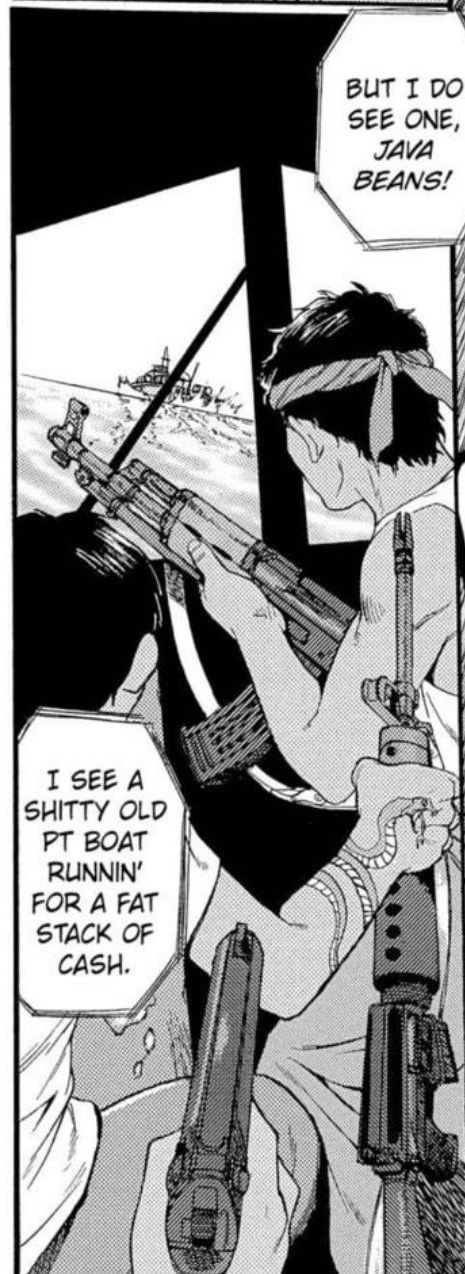
THERE'RE NO SHIPS FOR YOU TO PREY ON AROUND HERE.

BETTER HEAD BACK BEFORE YOU GET LOST, LUAC.



DUTCH, IT'S ME...

LONG TIME NO SEE.



BUT I DO SEE ONE, JAVA BEANS!

I SEE A SHITTY OLD PT BOAT RUNNIN' FOR A FAT STACK OF CASH.



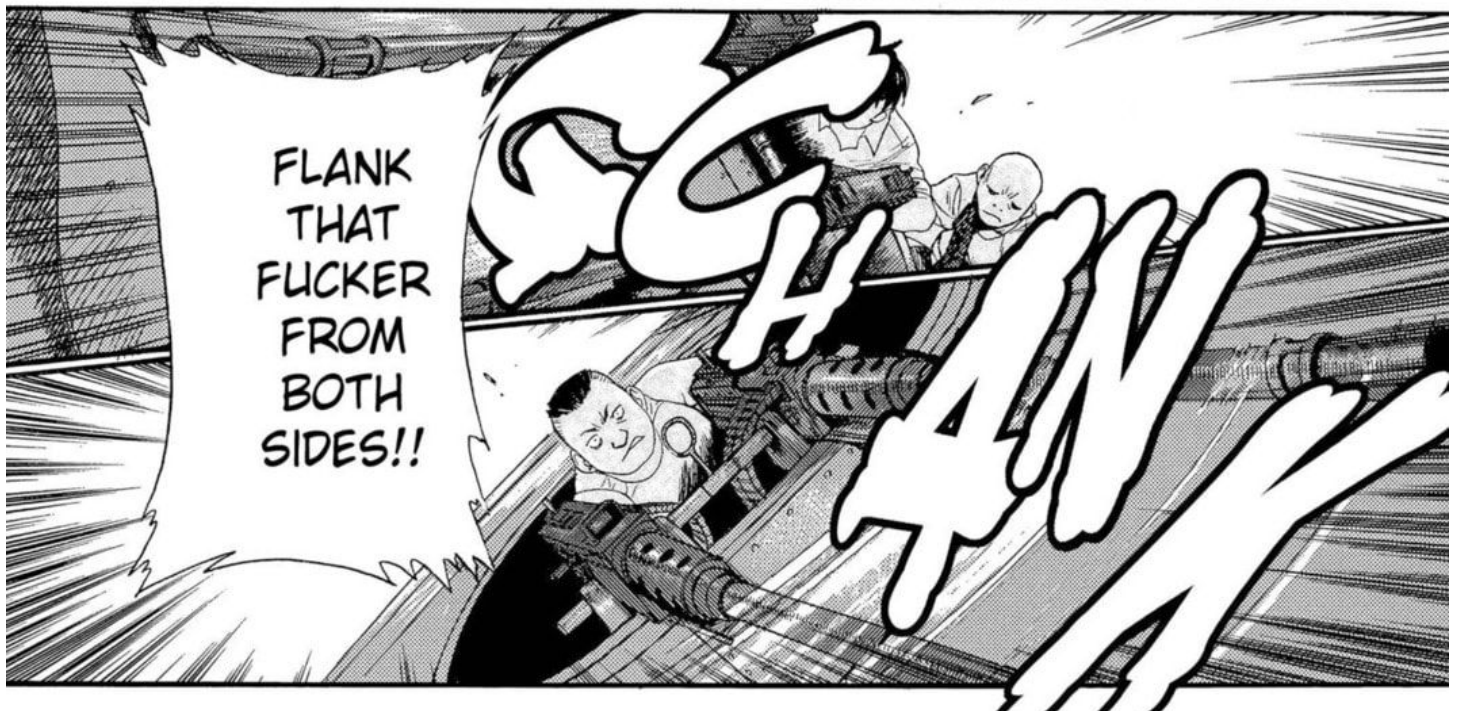
LORD
HAVE MERCY
ON YOUR
UNBRIDLED
STUPIDITY,
LUAC.

CHEN
MUST'VE
SWEET-
TALKED YOU
INTO THIS,
DIDN'T HE?



YOU
SMARTASS
BASTARD.

LET'S SEE
IF A PINT
OF LEAD
CHANGES
YOUR
ATTITUDE...



FLANK
THAT
FUCKER
FROM
BOTH
SIDES!!



...RULE NO. 1
IS TO MAKE
SURE YOUR
UNITS AREN'T
IN EACH
OTHER'S LINE
OF FIRE.

AMATEURS.

KIKI

VCHK

BAF
OOM

WHEN
ATTACKING
AN ENEMY IN
A CROSS-
FIRE...

YOU
FLUCK!!

DON'T
GET
COCKY
!!

I'LL
SEND
YOU TO
HELL
RIGHT
NOW!!

VROOM VROOM

VROOM

LUAC MUST'VE
SCROUNGED UP
HIS WHOLE GANG
FOR THIS RAID.

TWO BOATS
COMING AT
US FROM 2
O'CLOCK AND
4 O'CLOCK!!

WHUMP

YOU'RE
UP, TWO
HAND.

CHAK

HE'S
GOING
ALL OUT.

IT'S
SHOWTIME,
CAN YOU
MAKE 'EM
DANCE?

KCHUNK

REVV!

HELL
YEAH.

BAK



WELL,
ROCK...

...WATCH
AND
LEARN!!

CHOK

WHAT ARE
YOU GOING
TO DO...

...WITH
THAT...?

YOU
GOT
IT.

GET ME
CLOSE AND
KEEP THE
BOAT
STEADY.

I'LL START
WITH THE
SHIT AT
OUR 2
O'CLOCK.

WOO-HOO!

LET'S
DANCE!





space thing.
diamonds, red
sugar coated!

DA

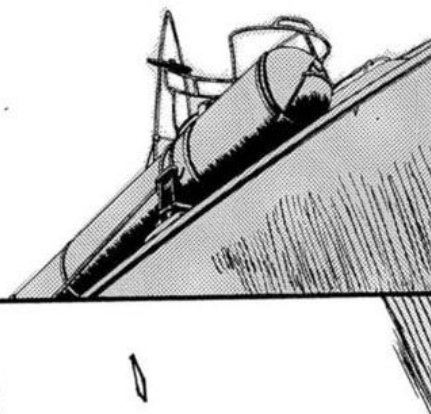
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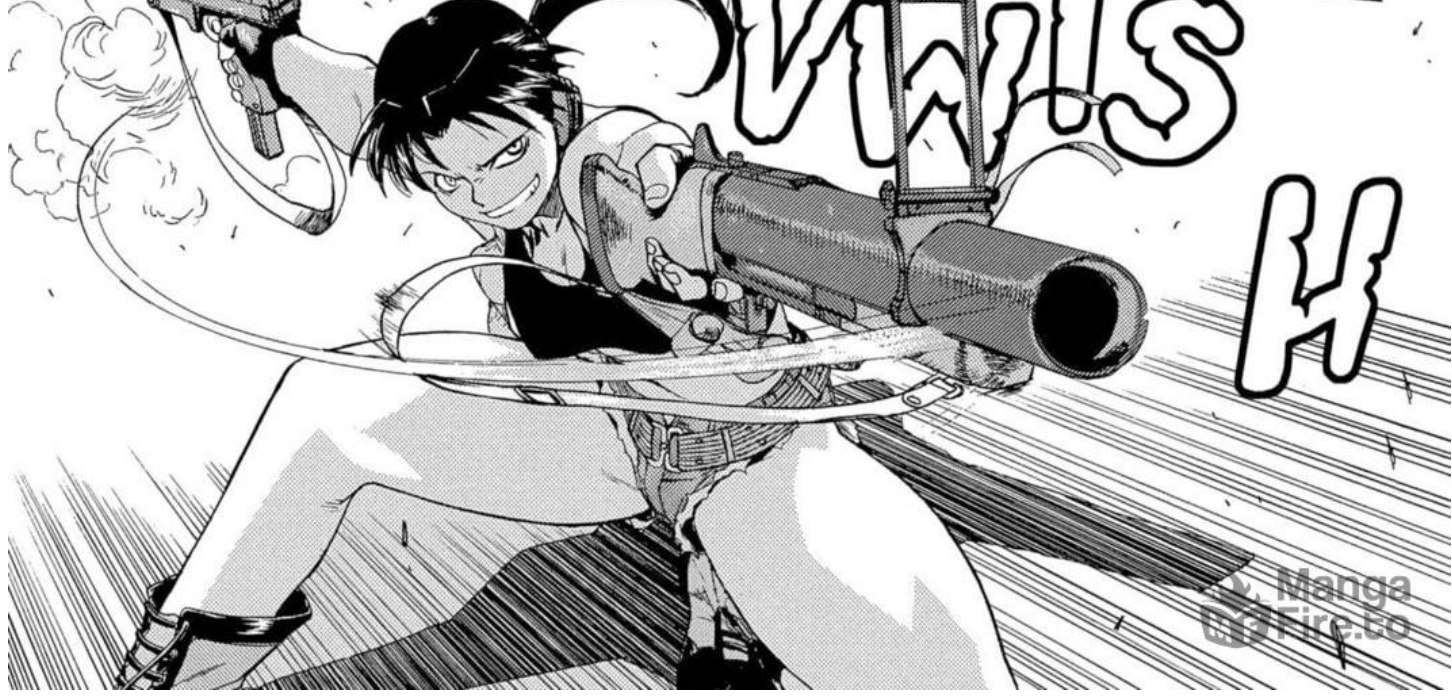
SHC

AK

KILL
THAT
BITCH
!!

LSH















WELL
LUAC,
SEEMS YOU
WERE THE
ONE...

...DOING
THE
CHA-CHA
WITH HOT
LEAD.



MY...

MY
FLEET...!



END
OF THE
LINE...



...FUCK!!

FLUCKING
BASTARDS
!!

SHIT!

FUCK
THIS!

♪ YOU CAN CALL
ME HONEY, YOU CAN
STEAL MY MONEY ♪

...WITH
THESE
DEMONS
ANYMORE
!!

I'M NOT
MESSING
AROUND
...

THEY'RE
NOT...

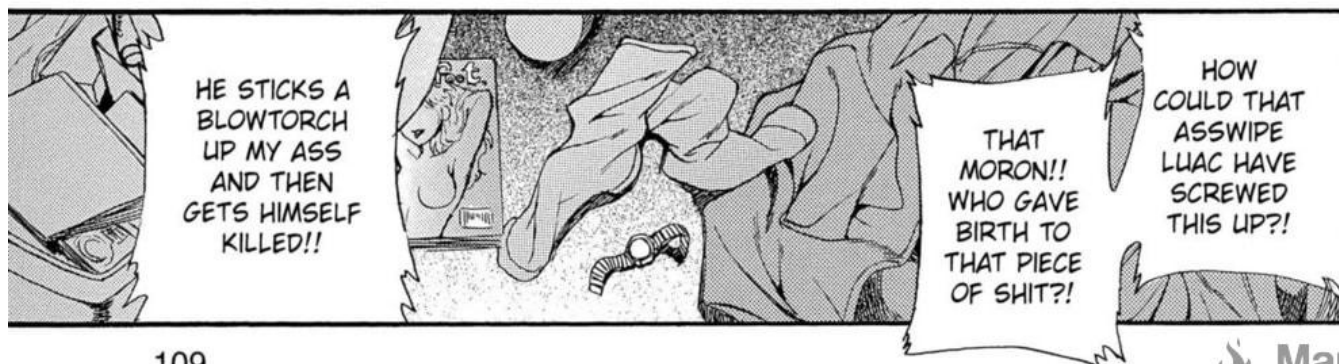
...
HUMAN
!!

♪ YOU CAN TRY AGAIN
AND YOU CAN RRRN
PRAY TO HEAVEN ♪

!! BABE I WON'T
PUT MY SHOOTER
DOWN. ♪ ♪ ♪

CH
CH
AK







SHIT!! I
WISH I
COULD KILL
LUAC ALL
OVER
AGAIN!!

GOD-
DAMN
IT!



THUD!

THIS IS
UNBELIEV-
ABLE!!



I GOTTA GET
OUT OF HERE
BEFORE
BALALAIKA'S
DOGS TRACK
ME DOWN...

...OR ELSE
SHE'LL
COOK MY
BALLS
ALONG
WITH MY
ASS!



WELL,
WELL,
WELL...



HARD AT
WORK,
MR.
CHEN?



...BE OF
SOME
ASSIS-
TANCE?

PERHAPS
I COULD...



SO...



...OVER
DINNER, I'M
SURE YOU'LL
SEE THINGS
DIFFERENTLY.

...BUT I'M
SURE YOU
GOT THIS
ALL WRONG.
LISTEN, ONCE
WE SIT DOWN
AND TALK
ABOUT IT...

I DON'T
KNOW
WHAT YOU
HEARD...



START
PRAYING.

BECAUSE
THAT'S ALL
YOU HAVE
TIME FOR
BEFORE YOU
DIE.



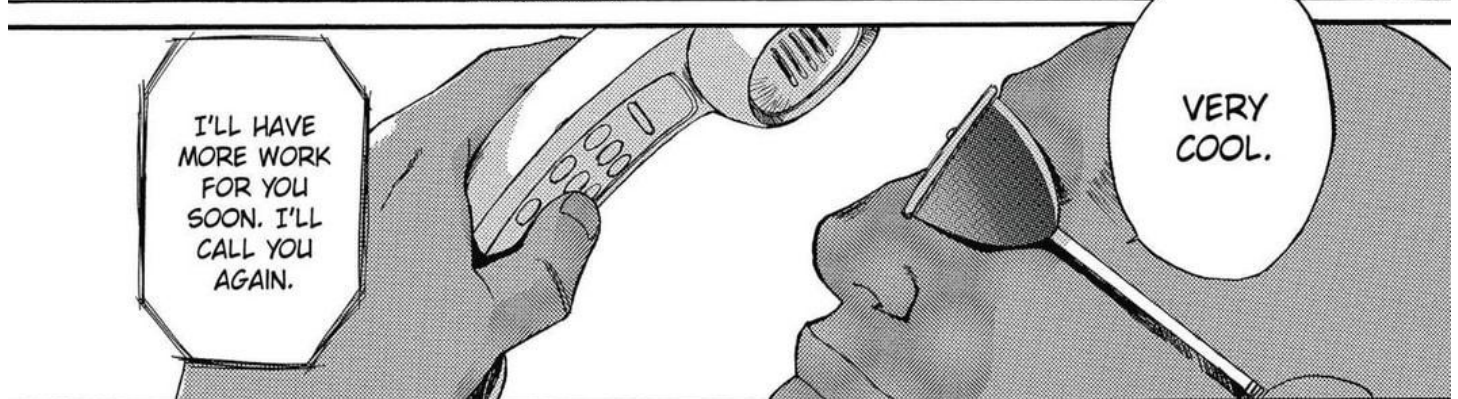
THERE'S
NOTHING YOU
CAN TELL ME.
I KNOW WHAT
I NEED TO
KNOW.

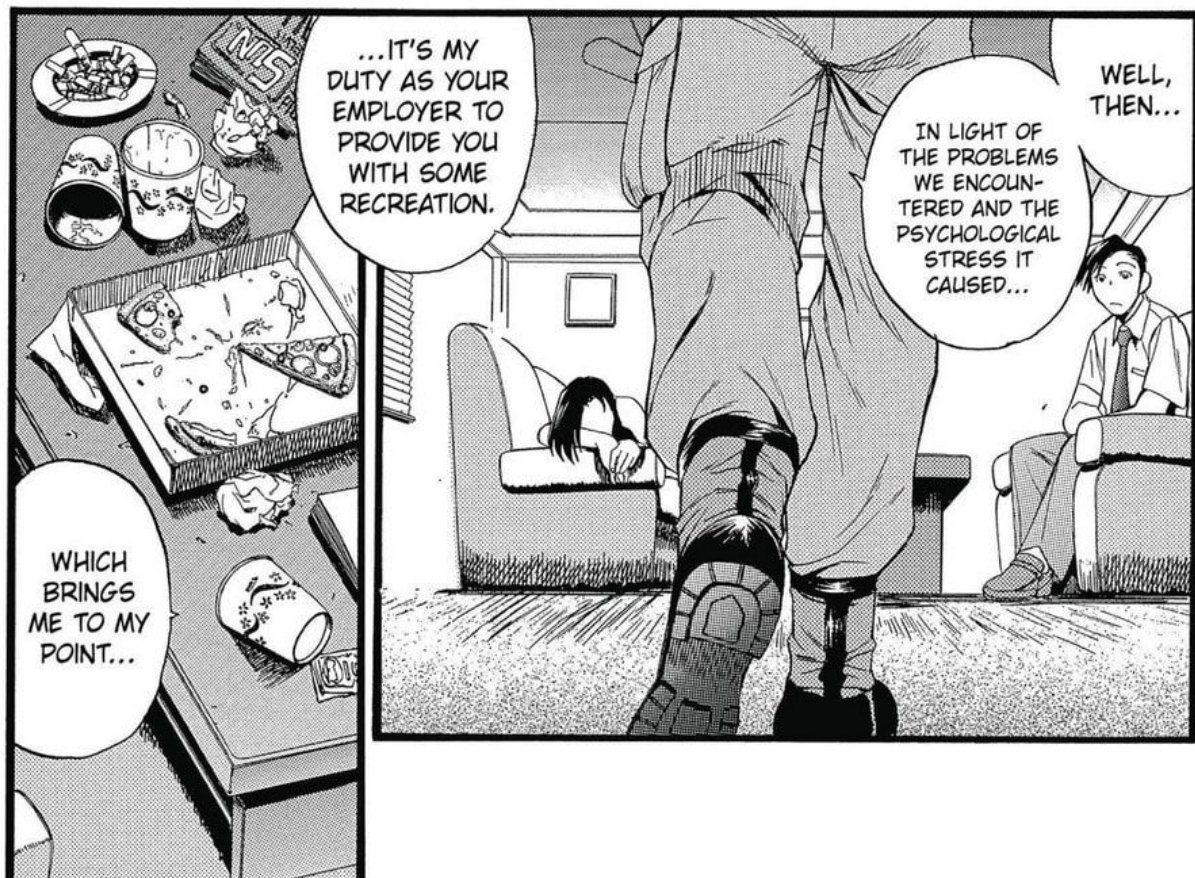
LISTEN
TO ME YOU
MISERABLE
TURD...















Chapter 2: Rasta Blasta - Part I





Main cabin, Black Lagoon, South China Sea



LET ME OFF
THIS SHIP
RIGHT NOW!

YOU CAN'T BUY
ME OFF WITH
THIS, YOU
VILLAINS!!



SHUT
IT! LET
GO OF
ME!!

JESUS,
REVV,
HE'S
JUST
A KID!



HEY,
HEY,
HEY!!
BACK
OFF,
REVV!

OH YEAH?
WE'RE
GONNA
HAVE A
GOOD TIME
NOW...



THAT LITTLE
PRICK'S
GIVING ME
THE EYE!!

C'MON,
LET'S GO
UP ON
DECK,
OKAY?

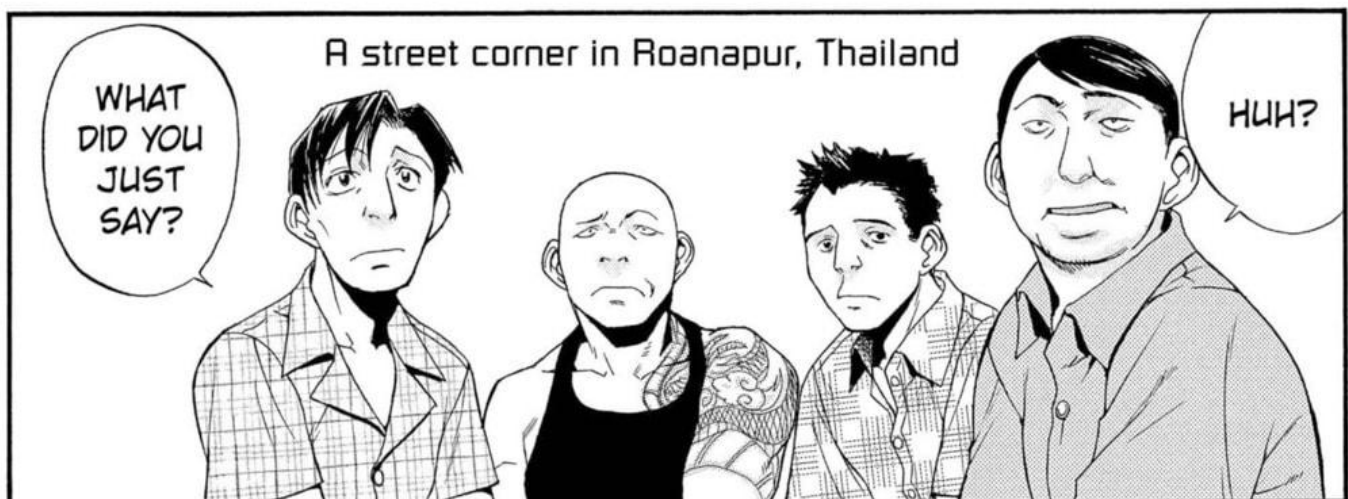
C'MON,
REVV...
C'MON...

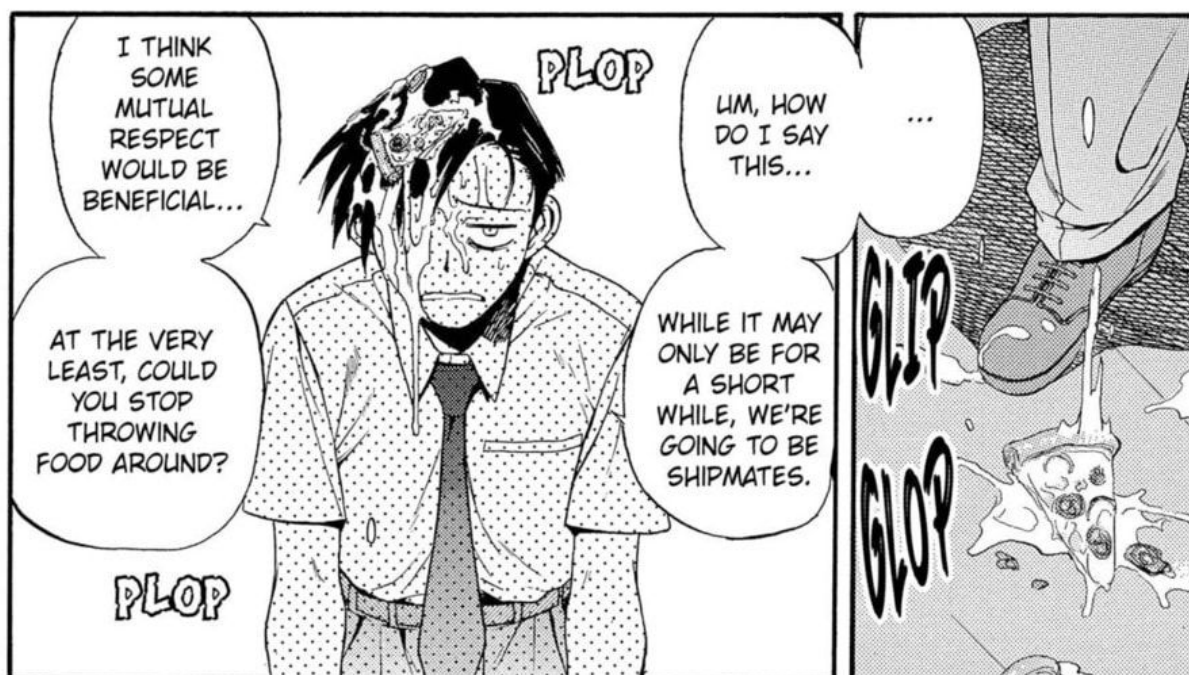
YOU'RE
DEAD
MEAT, YOU
BRAT!!



LET'S FIND
OUT WHAT
YOU HAD FOR
BREAKFAST...
HUH?

HM?









BECAUSE
I KNOW...

...MY FATHER
WILL COME
HELP ME.

I'M NOT
SCARED.



DID THOSE
CARTEL MEN
TELL YOU
THAT? THAT'S
ALL LIES.

I
THOUGHT
YOU WERE
AN
ORPHAN...

YOUR
FATHER
?



...BUT IF
YOU'RE GOING
TO LIE, YOU'LL
HAVE TO DO
BETTER THAN
THAT.

LOOK, YOU
MIGHT BE
TRYING TO
GET PITY
OUT OF
ME...



JEEZ,
YOU'RE A
HARDASS
FOR A
KID...

PITY?
THAT'S
STUPID.

WHAT'S THE
POINT OF
LYING AT A
TIME LIKE
THIS?



SURE, IT
MAKES
YOUR
STORY
MORE
CREDIBLE,
BUT...

WHERE DID
YOU GET
THE NAME
LOVELACE
ANYWAY?

THEY'RE THE
FAMILY THAT'S
THE WORST
OFF OUT OF
THE 13.



MY FATHER
IS A MEMBER
OF THE PROUD
13 FAMILIES
OF SOUTH
AMERICA.

HIS NAME IS
DIEGO LOVELACE
AND HE'S THE
11TH HEAD OF
THE FAMILY!

I'M NEXT
IN LINE OF
SUCCESSION...
I'M HIS ONLY
SON, GARCIA
LOVELACE.

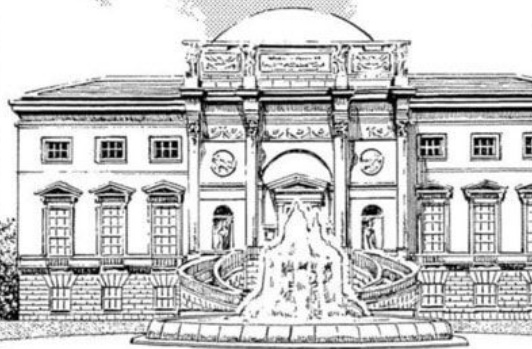
BUT WE WERE
DOING FINE ON
OUR OWN.

SQUEEEZE

YEAH, I KNOW
OUR FAMILY
ISN'T DOING
THAT GREAT
THESE DAYS.

...

WE WEREN'T
WELL OFF,
BUT OUR
PLANTATION
WAS DOING
WELL.



HE WAS
THE OLD-
FASHIONED
TYPE, AND DIDN'T
START ANY
UNNECESSARY
BUSINESS
ENTERPRISES.

MY
FATHER

...

THEY
WANTED TO
BUY US OFF
OUR LAND.

THEN THEY
FOUND OUT
ABOUT THE
RARE-EARTH
DEPOSITS FROM
THE GEOLOGY
SURVEYS.

ALL THAT
CHANGED
WHEN THOSE
GANGSTERS
CAME.

BUT MY
FATHER
STILL
WOULDN'T
AGREE TO
THEIR
TERMS.

AND
THAT'S WHY
I'M HERE.

THEY SHOWED
THEIR TRUE
COLORS WHEN
MY FATHER
REFUSED TO
DEAL WITH
THEM.

THEY BEGAN
HARASSING OUR
PLANTATION
IN DIFFERENT
WAYS...





HE BECAME
PART OF
OUR FAMILY
SIX YEARS
AGO.



THAT'S
AN EASY
ONE...

BOY,
YOU
ARE A
SKEPTIC...



DO YOU
KNOW
ANYTHING...

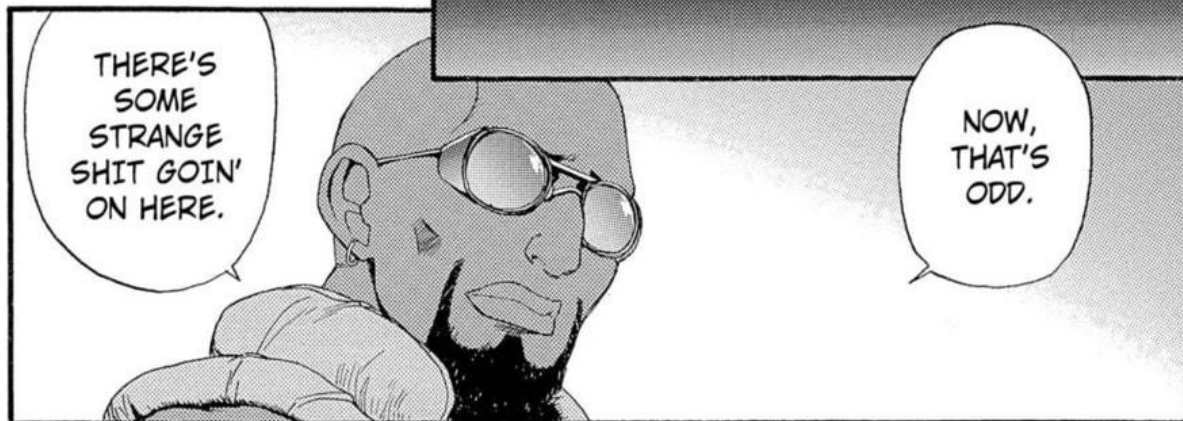
...ABOUT
THAT
DOG?



NOW
DO YOU
BELIEVE
ME?

HIS
NAME IS
LAZARUS.

HE'S A
WHITE
VOLPINO
ITALIANO.





I JUST
DO WHAT
YOU SAY,
DUTCH.

EITHER
WAY, IT'S
DUTCH'S
CALL.



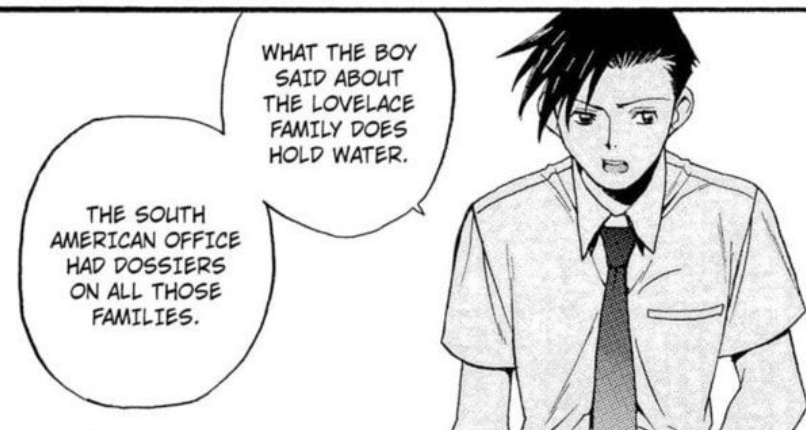
I'D BE
LYING IF
I SAID I
DIDN'T FEEL
SORRY FOR
THE KID.



ROCK...

THE STORY
YOU GOT OUT
OF THAT KID...
IS IT REALLY
TRUE?

ON THE
OTHER HAND,
HAVING A
CLIENT LIE
TO US DOES
BOTHER ME.



WHAT THE BOY
SAID ABOUT
THE LOVELACE
FAMILY DOES
HOLD WATER.

THE SOUTH
AMERICAN OFFICE
HAD DOSSIERS
ON ALL THOSE
FAMILIES.

I WAS IN THE
MATERIALS
PROCUREMENT
DEPARTMENT
IN MY LAST
JOB.

I KNOW A
LOT ABOUT
RARE-EARTH
ELEMENTS
AND METALS.



I DON'T
KNOW
ABOUT
THE
LIES...

BUT
SELLING OFF
THE KID...
I GOT A
HUNCH ABOUT
THAT.



SNATCH THE
KID AND THEY
COULD GET
WHAT THEY
WANT THROUGH
EXTORTION.

WHAT'S
THE POINT
OF ALL THE
LIES AND
SELLING
HIM OFF?

BUT I
DON'T
GET IT.



THERE'S NOTHING THAT GETS MOBSTERS FROTHING LIKE HAVING SHIT SLAPPED IN THEIR FACES.

RIGHT?

IT'S 'CUZ THEY GOT PISSED OFF. REALLY PISSED.

YOU KNOW HOW IT IS WITH THEM...



I'LL ASK BALALAIKA IF SHE CAN GET ME MORE INFO ON THIS JOB.

SOUNDS LIKE WE MIGHT WANT A BACKUP PLAN.



YOU RARELY COME TO ME FOR HELP.

IMAGINE THAT...



SORRY ABOUT THIS. I OWE YOU ONE.

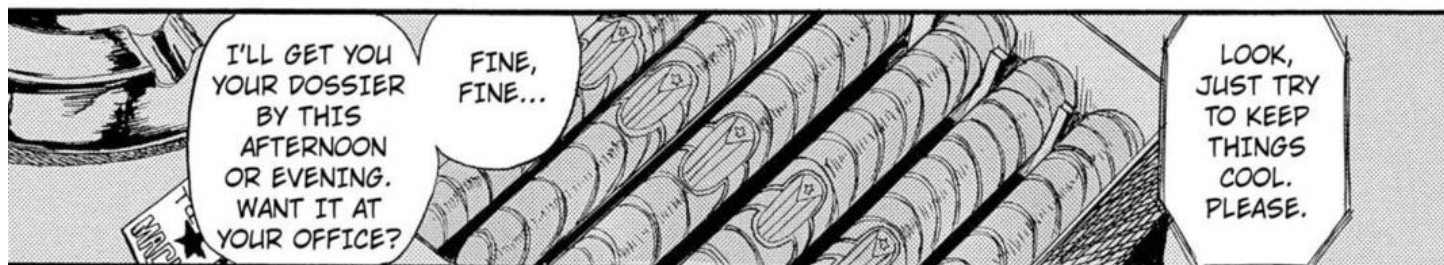
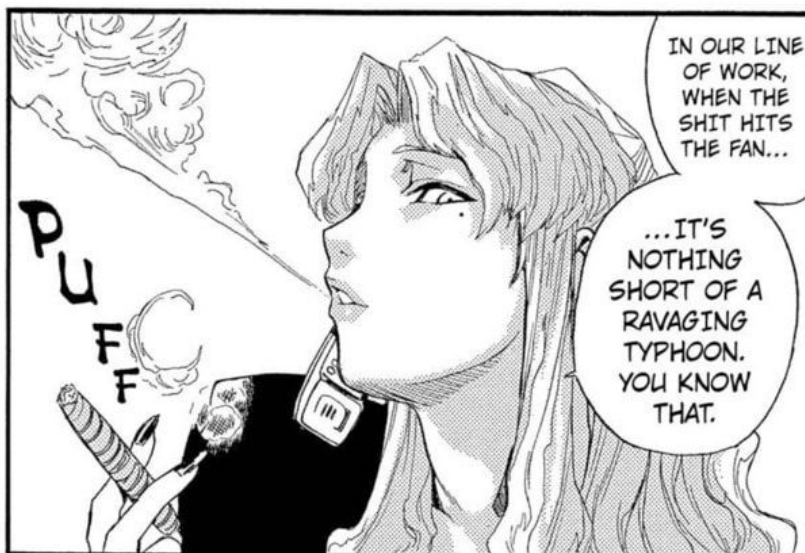
BUT KEEP IT ON THE DOWN-LOW, ALL RIGHT?

ACTUALLY I WAS ALREADY PLANNING TO ASK YOU TO DO A JOB FOR ME RELATED TO THE MANISALERA CARTEL.

RATHER REMARKABLE TIMING, ISN'T IT?

WELL, I NEED MORE DETAILS ON THE MANISALERA CARTEL AND THE LOVELACE FAMILY.

CAN YOU DO IT?







KIND SIR,
I'VE ONLY
COME TO
ROANAPLUR
JUST
TODAY...



LOOK,
SIS...

DOES THIS
PLACE LOOK
LIKE AN
UNEMPLOYMENT
OFFICE OR A
TOURIST BUREAU
TO YOU?

OF
COURSE
NOT.



MIGHT
YOU
KNOW...



...WHERE
THEIR
OFFICES
WOULD
BE?



AS SUCH,
I'M NOT
FAMILIAR
WITH YOUR
CUSTOMS
YET.

I WAS HOPING
TO RELY UPON
MY COLOMBIAN
ACQUAINTANCES
FOR ASSIS-
TANCE.



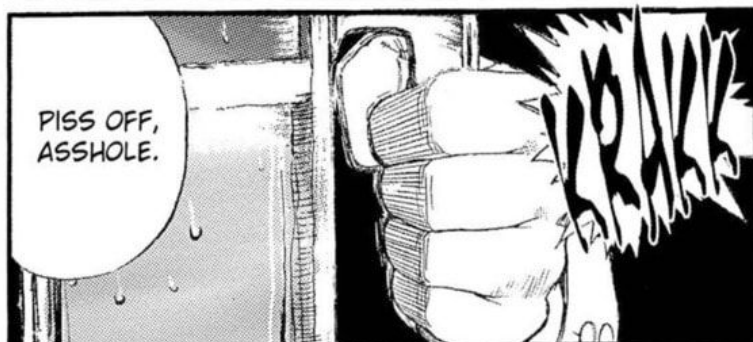
GIMME A
COLA,
BAO.

BUM
P

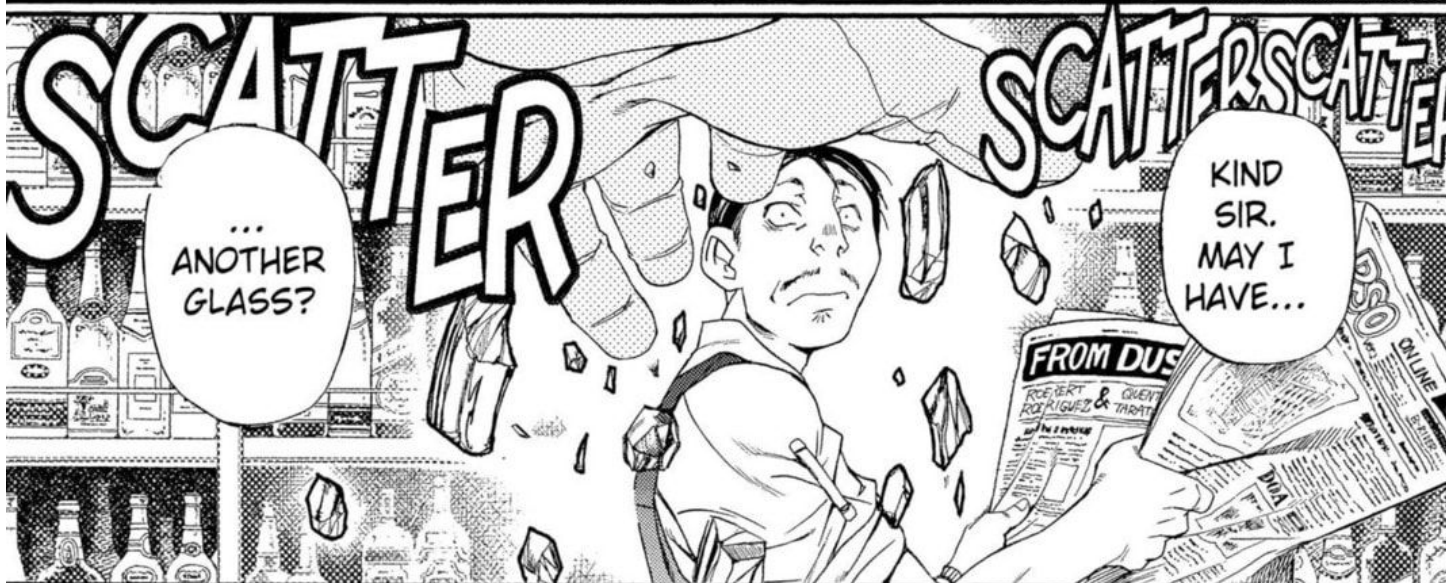


FUCK, NO.
IT'S NOT
FOR ME, YOU
JACKASS.

WHAT? YOU
JOINED THE
WOMEN'S
CHRISTIAN
TEMPERANCE
UNION?



THIS BEER
MUG SEEMS
TO BE
CRACKED...



...
ANOTHER
GLASS?

KIND
SIR.
MAY I
HAVE...



I DON'T
REMEMBER
BEING PAID
TO BABYSIT,
DUTCH.

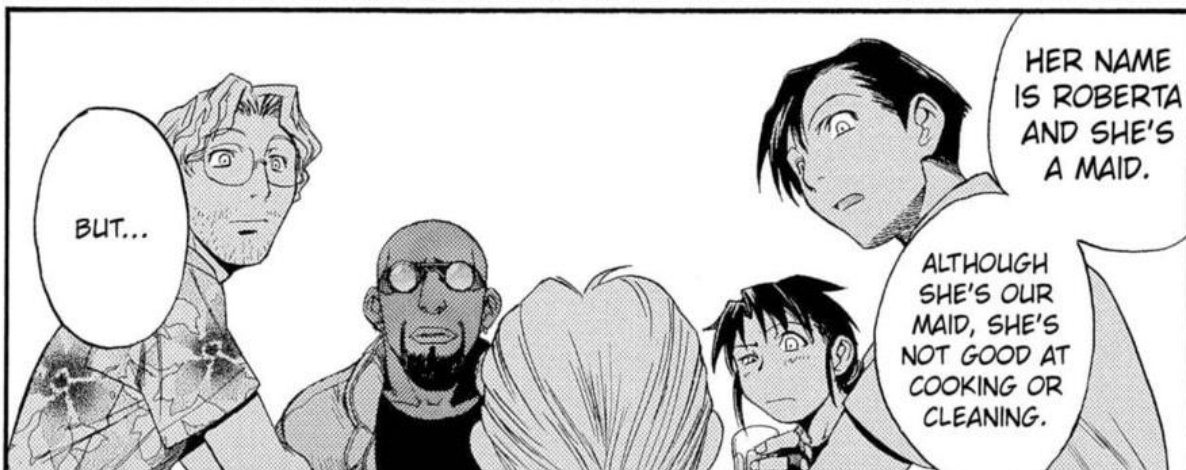
CHRIST,
REVV, I'VE
SEEN KIDS
ACT MORE
MATURE.

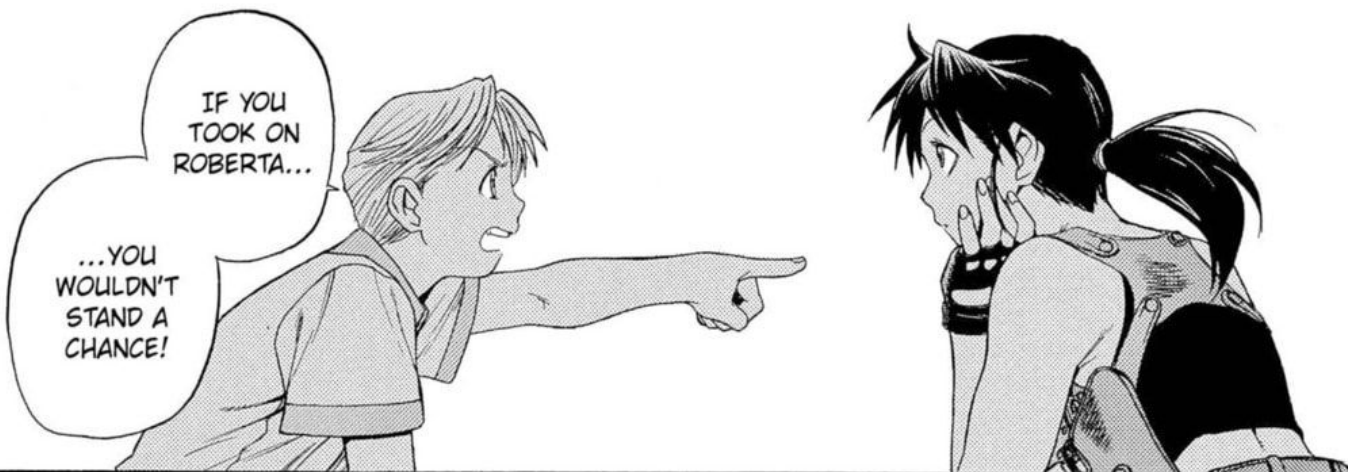
HELL, YOU
WERE A KID
ONCE TOO,
WEREN'T
YOU?

FUCK
THIS
SHIT!

THERE!
YOU HAPPY
NOW?!

YOU
WHINE
AGAIN,
AND
YOU'RE
DEAD
MEAT!







HEY
CHICA...

YOU AND I
NEED TO
TALK.

ROBERTA
WOULD ARM
WRESTLE
ME FOR FUN
ALL THE
TIME.

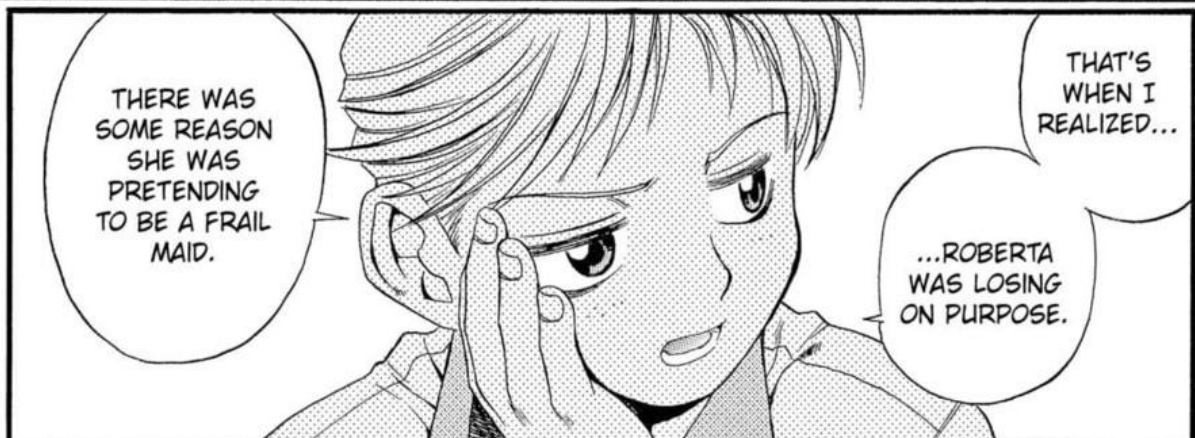
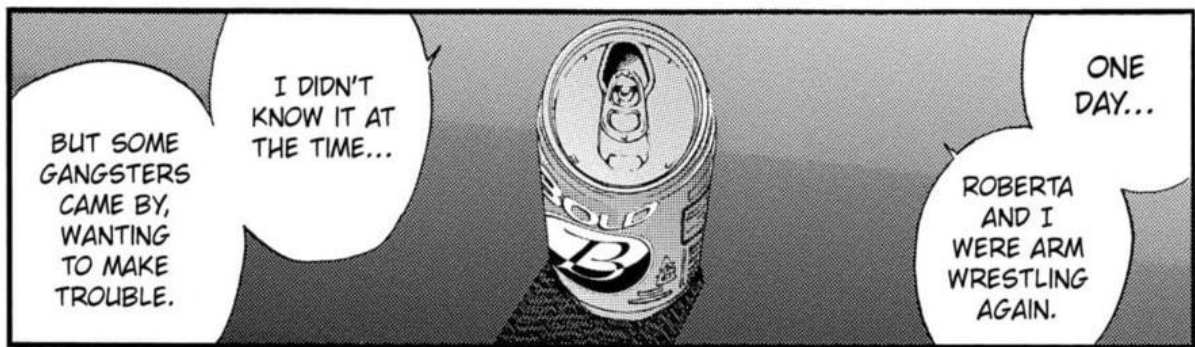
AND
ROBERTA
WOULD
ALWAYS
LOSE.



WORD
ON THE
STREET...

...IS THAT SOME
CRAZY BITCH IN A
BIZARRE MAID
OUTFIT'S ASKING
AROUND ABOUT
US COLOMBIANS.

SO THE
WHOLE GANG
CAME TO
GREET YOU
IN PERSON.











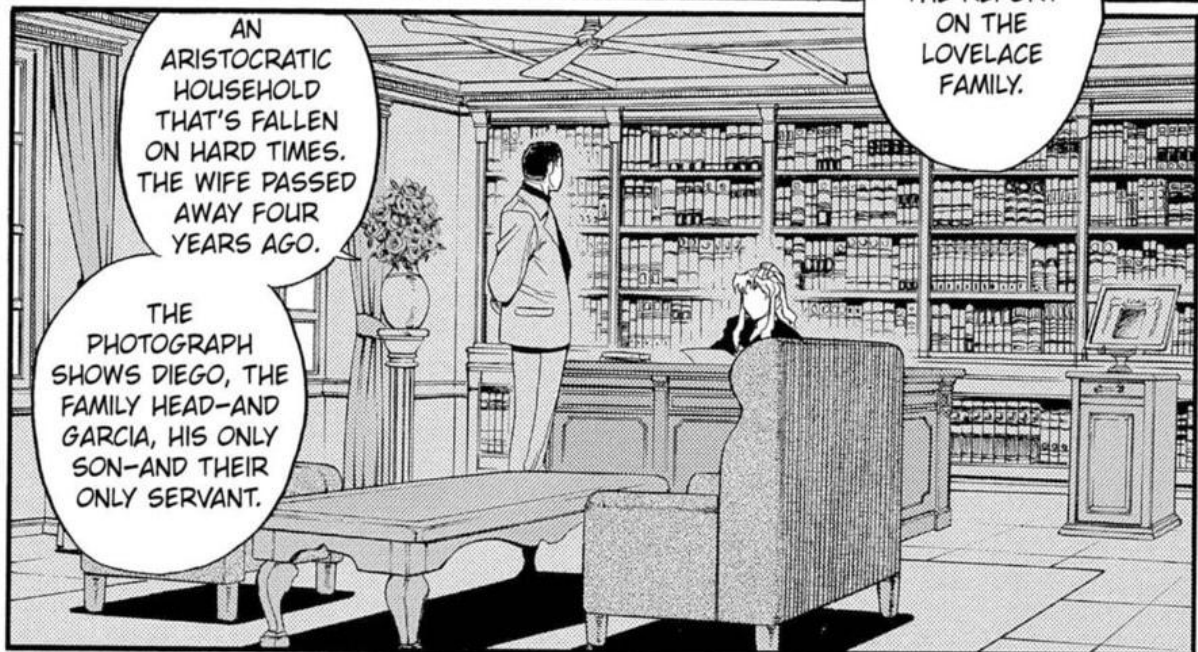
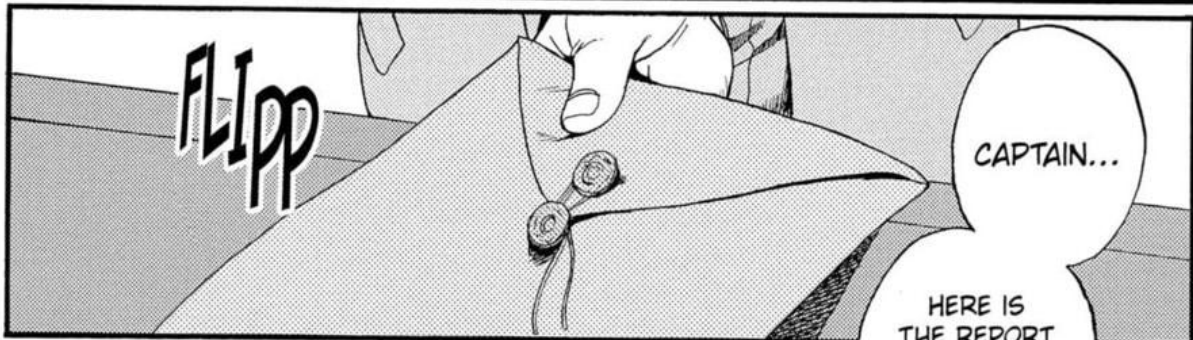
WHOOSH

WHAA

THAT'S
ROBERTA...

AAT?!









Chapter 3: Rasta Blasta - Part II







SHE GETS
NO MERCY,
COMPRENDE
?!

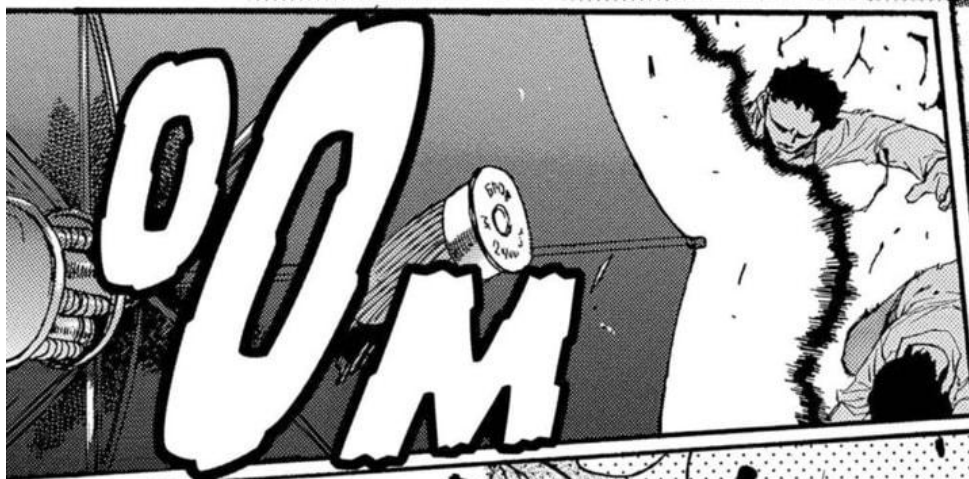
WASTE
THE
BITCH!!

YOU
ARE MORE
THAN
WELCOME
TO TRY.

BUT I
DOUBT
YOU CAN.



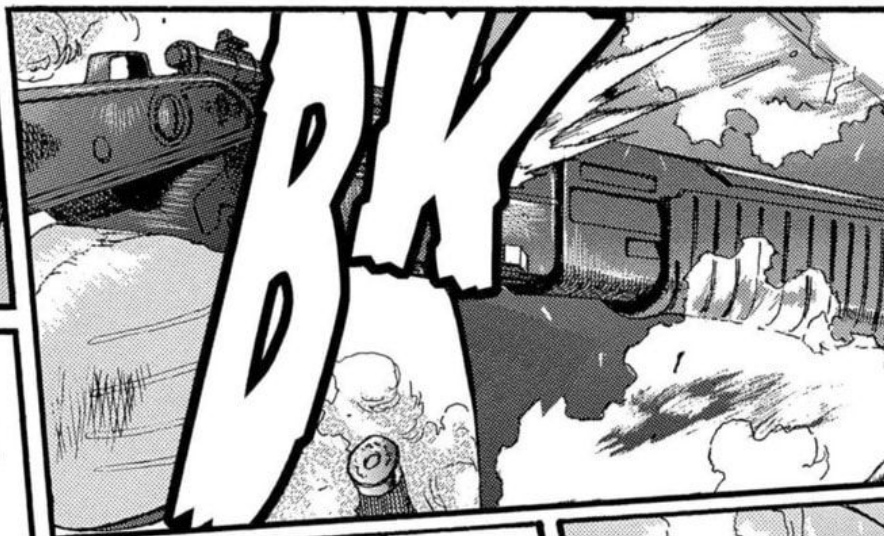






GOOD FOR US THEY'RE AT EACH OTHER'S THROATS.

I SAY WE GET THE HELL OUT OF HERE WHILE WE CAN.



AND GO WHERE?

WE'LL HEAD OUT TO THE COAST OF PHUKET FOR SOME FISHING OR SOMETHING UNTIL THINGS CALM DOWN.

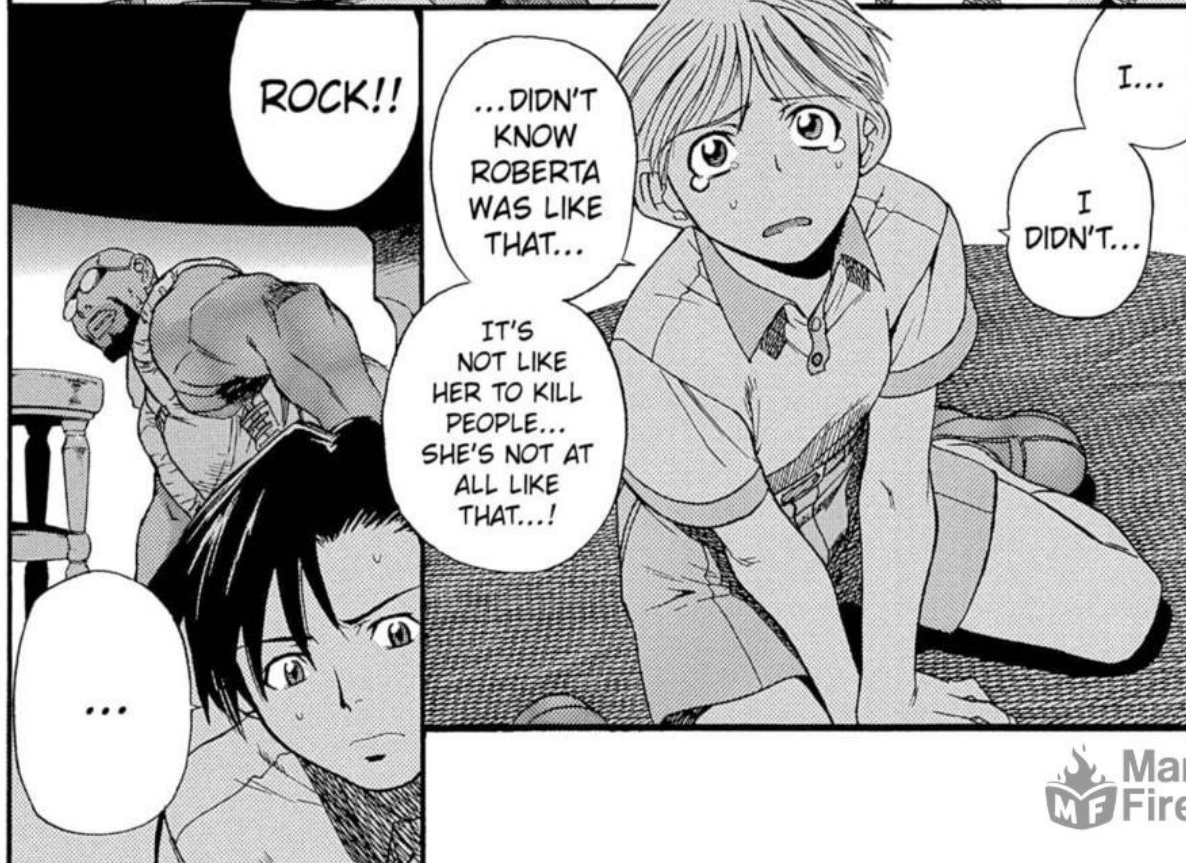
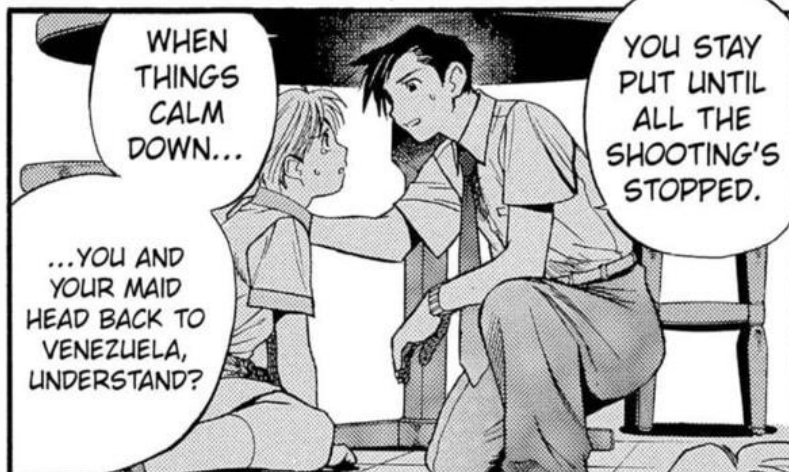
I'M NO GIULIANO GEMMA...I DON'T DIG SHOOTOUTS AS A CHASER FOR MY DRINKS.

BLAM



iNieds mAtako!







WHERE'S
THE
CARGO...
THE KID?!

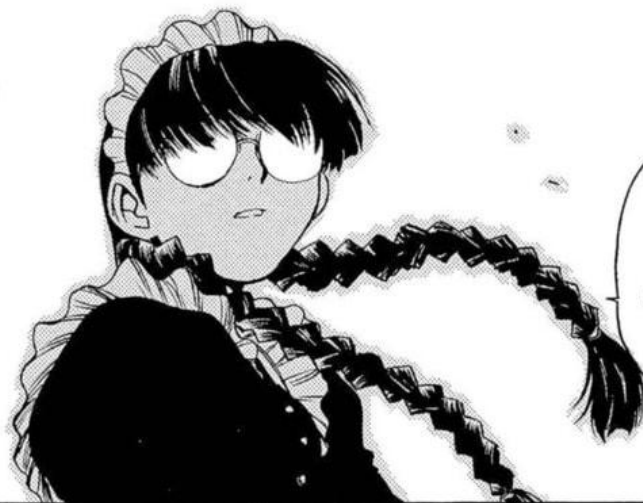


YOU
SHOULD'VE
SHIPPED
HIM OFF BY
NOW!!



REVVY?!

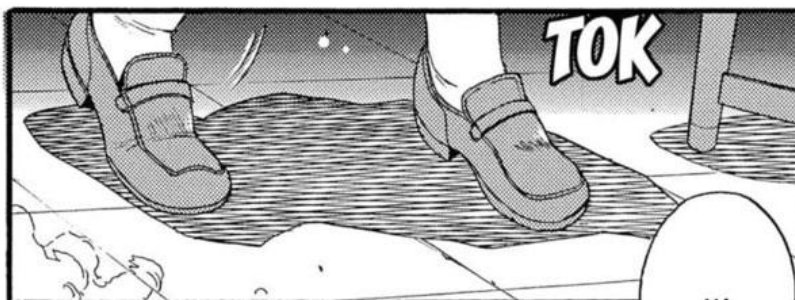
WHAT
THE FUCK
ARE YOU
DOING
HERE?!



YOUNG
MASTER
...

ROBERTA...

RO...



TOK

...

...IT IS
ONLY
NATURAL
THAT YOU
MIGHT
FIND ME
FRIGHTENING.

I SHALL
EXPLAIN ALL
THIS LATER.

I HAVE
SOME
AFFAIRS I
MUST ATTEND
TO. PLEASE
WAIT A
MOMENT.

MASTER
LOVELACE IS
EXTREMELY
WORRIED
ABOUT YOU.

I NEVER
EXPECTED
TO FIND YOU
HERE, YOUNG
MASTER.

KSHLUNK





WHAT'S
THE BIG
IDEA? QUIT
IGNORING ME,
YOU FUCKS!



I AIN'T
DONE WITH
YOU YET!
YOU GOT
IT?!



...I'M
CONSIDER-
ING YOUR
OFFER.



NO MORE
STUPID FIRE-
FIGHTS AND
JUNIOR HERE
WILL BE JUST
FINE.

YOU DON'T
WANT HIS
BRAINS
BLOWN
OUT,
RIGHT?



HOWEVER, I
INTEND TO
CARRY OUT MY
DUTIES AS
STIPULATED BY
THE LOVELACE
FAMILY CREED.

I'M AFRAID I
CAN'T ABIDE
BY YOUR
WISHES.

THE YOUNG
MASTER WILL
RETURN HOME
IN GOOD
HEALTH.





PARA LOS QUE VIVEN, BENDICIONES.
(TO THE LIVING, BESTOW UPON THEM
CHARITY.)

PARA LOS MUERTOS,
UN LECHO DE FLORES.
(TO THE DEAD, LAY UPON
THEM FLOWERS.)

CON ESTA ESPADA
IMPARTIRÉ JUSTICIA...
(TO EXECUTE JUSTICE, I TAKE
UP THIS SWORD...)

GOLPEANDO CON
FUERZA A LOS
VILLANOS PARA MATARLOS EN CASTIGO.
(TO SMITE UPON VILE ROGUES AND DELIVER
DEATH AS PUNISHMENT.)

DÉJANOS LLEGAR...
(THUS LET US ARRIVE...)

...AL ALTAR DE LOS SANTOS.
(...AT THE ALTAR OF SAINTS.)



FOR I VOW
UPON THE
NAME OF
SANTA
MARIA...

...TO STRIKE
DOWN UPON
ANY AND ALL UN-
RIGHTEOUSNESS.





* ONE OF THE MOST INTENSE BATTLES WAGED IN THE VIETNAM WAR.





20



...TAKE
ME WITH
YOU.



YOUNG
MASTER!!



* THE BLOODHOUND OF FLORENCIA

K-CHIK CHIKK



AHAHA
HAHA!

I JUST
HIT THE
JACK-
POT!!

AFTER I BRING
'EM YOUR HEAD
ON A PLATE,
THEY'LL MAKE
ME BONA-FIDE
MEDELLIN
LIEUTENANT!!



THE
CARTEL'S
PUT A
4-MILLION-
DOLLAR
BOUNTY ON
YOUR HEAD.



"DEAD OR
ALIVE" NO
LESS.

PROBABLY DID
ALL SORTS OF
NASTY SHIT FOR
THEM. MEANS
THEY DON'T
WANT YOU
TALKIN', RIGHT?

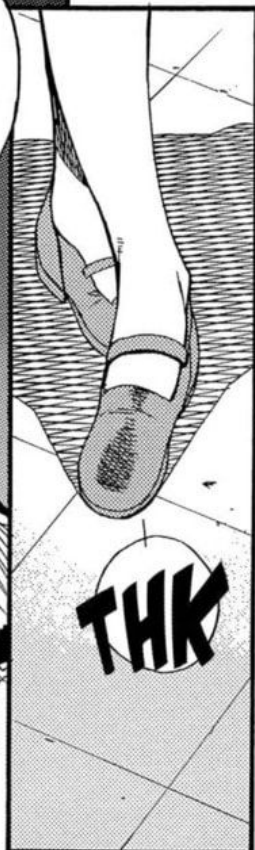


I REGRET WE
MUST PART
COMPANY.

BUT PLEASE
ACCEPT MY
FAREWELL
GIFT...

IT
SEEMS...

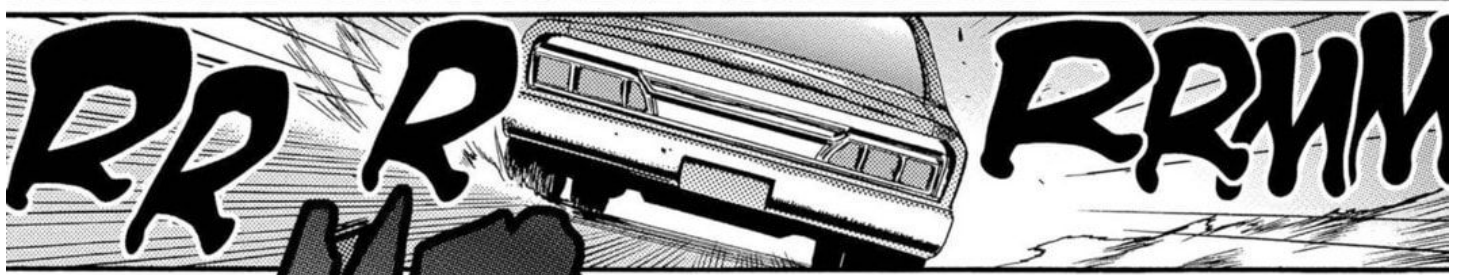
...I NO
LONGER
HAVE A
REASON TO
LET YOU LIVE.









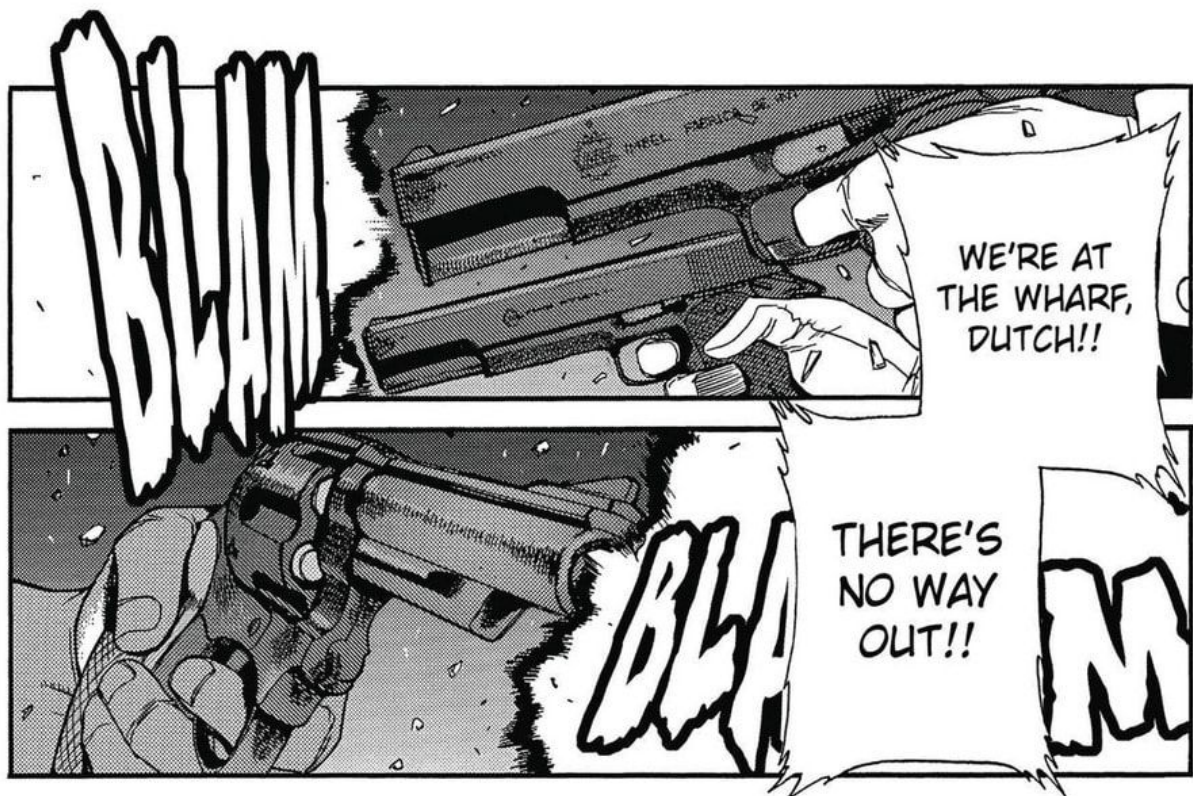




ROCK,
STAY
DOWN!!







Chapter 4: Rasta Blasta - Part III











I THINK
WE'RE ALL
RIGHT BACK
HERE.

WHAT
ABOUT
REVVY?



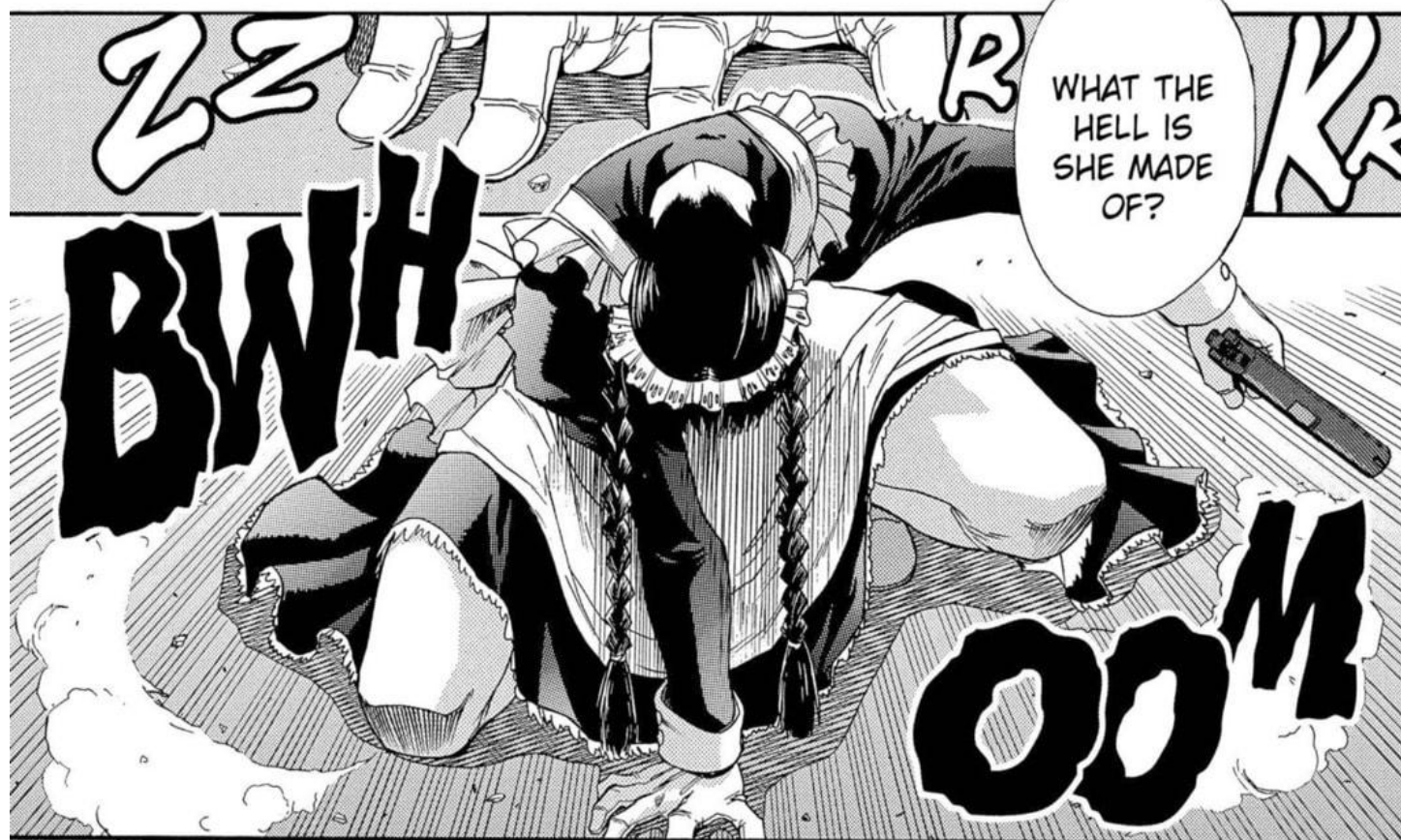
...STILL
UNCON-
SCIOUS.
HOW ARE
YOU GUYS?



...
...IT'S
ALMOST
ENOUGH TO
MAKE ME GET
RELIGIOUS.

IF YOU'RE
ALIVE, SOUND
OFF.











...TO
BE
AFRAID.

SMIRK

MY DEAR,
YOU MUSTN'T
FEEL
ASHAMED...

SN

AP

BA

NG

BLAM

BLAM

BLAM





THERE'S NO
GAIN TO BE
MADE FROM
THIS.

остановитесь!

(HALT!)



COME NOW,
DON'T YOU
THINK IT'S
TIME...

...YOU TWO
GAVE IT A
REST.

S
H



I HAVE SOME
GOOD NEWS
FOR YOU, MS.
CHAMBERMAID
...

HOTEL MOSCOW
PLANNED ALL
ALONG TO WAGE
WAR AGAINST
THE MANISALERA
CARTEL.

MY JOB WAS
TO NEUTRALIZE
THEIR THAI
OPERATION...
BUT YOU'VE
SAVED ME THE
TROUBLE.

...SHOULD
BE IN THE
PROCESS OF
BEING
CRUSHED.

RIGHT ABOUT
NOW, THE HEAD-
QUARTERS OF
THE CARTEL IN
VENEZUELA...



CHRIST, IT'S
LIKE BEING
AT GROUND
ZERO IN
NEVADA.

WE'VE
GOT THE
THREE MOST
FEARSOME
WOMEN IN
THE WORLD
HERE.

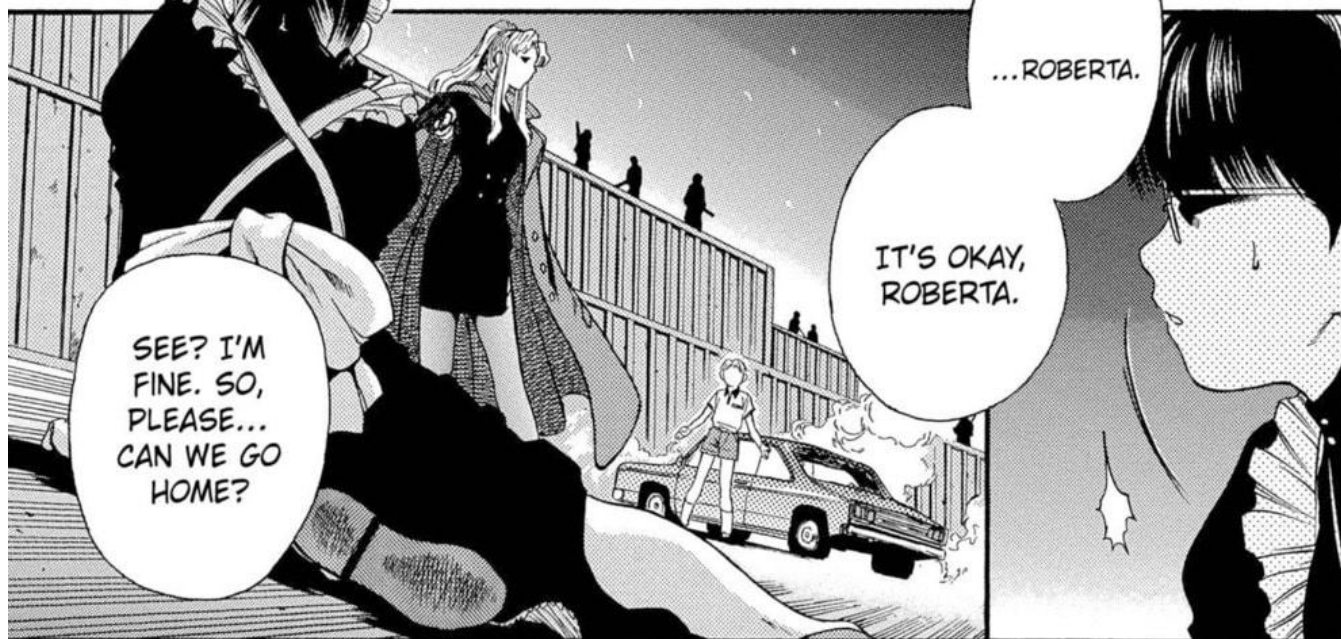
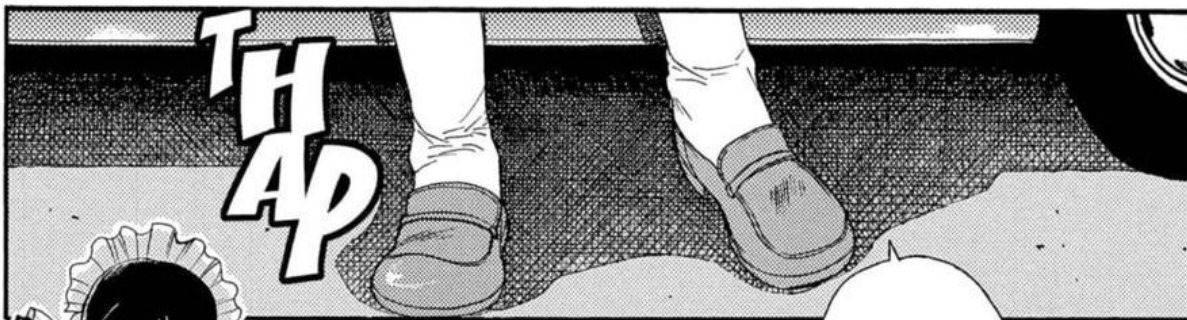


THERE'S NO
REASON WHY
YOU TWO
SHOULD FIGHT.

SO, EVERY-
THING HAS
WORKED
OUT.

THE
ABDUCTION OF
YOUR BELOVED
GARCIA IS A
MOOT POINT.





SEE? I'M FINE. SO, PLEASE... CAN WE GO HOME?

...ROBERTA.

IT'S OKAY, ROBERTA.

...SEE YOU WAVING GUNS AROUND LIKE THAT.

I...

I DON'T WANT TO...



I WONDER HOW "THE BLOOD-HOUND" FEELS ABOUT IT?



I AGREE, MY DEAR.

BUT...



DO
NOT SAY
ANOTHER
WORD!!

MY
DEAR,
YOU DIDN'T
KNOW?
WE HAVE
HERE—



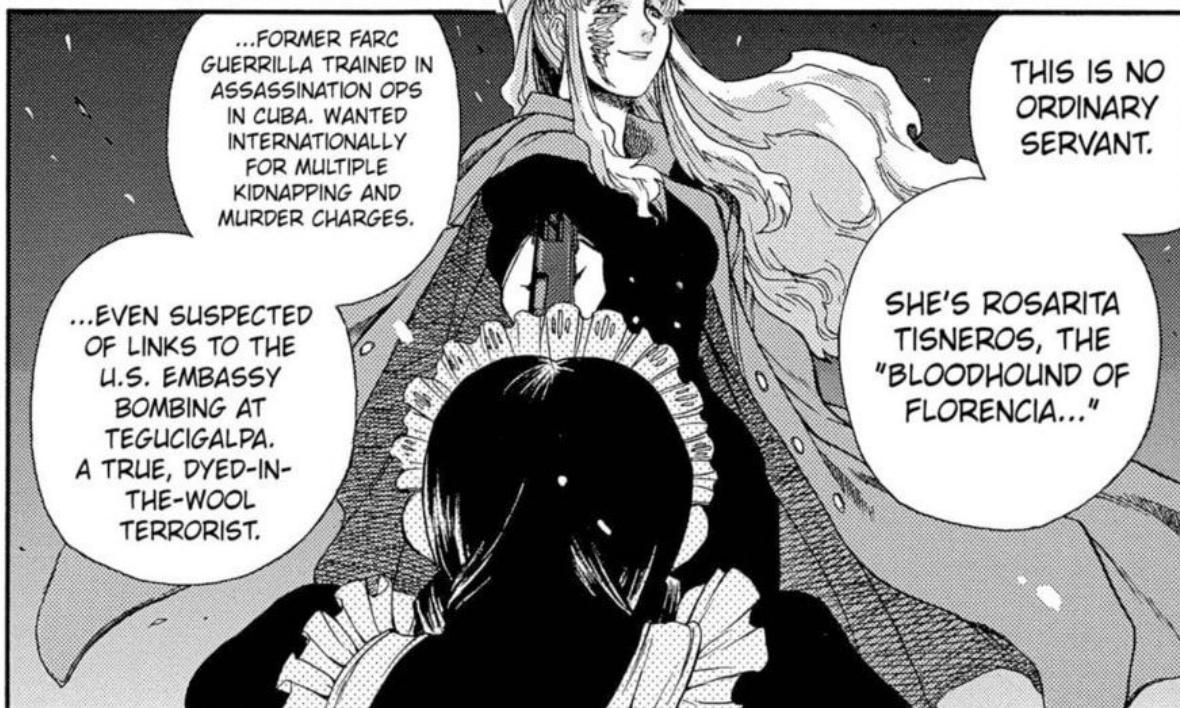
OH...

"THE
BLOOD-
HOUND?"



SILENCE...

... 'HOUND.



...FORMER FARC
GUERRILLA TRAINED IN
ASSASSINATION OPS
IN CUBA. WANTED
INTERNATIONALLY
FOR MULTIPLE
KIDNAPPING AND
MURDER CHARGES.

...EVEN SUSPECTED
OF LINKS TO THE
U.S. EMBASSY
BOMBING AT
TEGUCIGALPA.
A TRUE, DYED-IN-
THE-WOOL
TERRORIST.

THIS IS NO
ORDINARY
SERVANT.

SHE'S ROSARITA
TISNEROS, THE
"BLOODHOUND OF
FLORENCIA..."



BUT
PLEASE
...

YOU MUST
UNDERSTAND...
THERE ARE
THINGS IN THIS
WORLD THAT
IT'S BETTER YOU
NOT KNOW
ABOUT...

I...

I NEVER
INTENDED TO
DECEIVE YOU,
YOUNG
MASTER.



ZAK



IS...
THIS...

...TRUE,
ROBERTA?



BUT AFTER
DRENCHING SO
MANY NIGHTS WITH
BLOOD, I FINALLY
REALIZED
SOMETHING...

I WAS FAR
FROM BEING A
REVOLUTIONARY. I
WAS NOTHING MORE
THAN A GUARD-DOG,
BOUND TO GANG-
STERS AND THEIR
COCAINE FIELDS...

I BELIEVED IN
OUR CAUSE...
BELIEVED IN
THE COMING
DAWN OF THE
REVOLUTION...

I FOUGHT MANY
BATTLES...I KILLED
COUNTLESS PEOPLE,
ONE AFTER ANOTHER...
POLITICIANS, BUSINESS-
MEN, COUNTER-
REVOLUTIONARY
FACULTY...WOMEN...
EVEN CHILDREN...



EVERYTHING
SHE SAID IS
TRUE, YOUNG
MASTER.

I...



THEY SOLD
THEIR SOULS
OUT OF
GREED...

...CLAIMING
"ONE CANNOT
ACHIEVE A
SOCIALIST
REVOLUTION
BY IDEALISM
ALONE."

IRONIC,
ISN'T IT?

FARC ALLIED
THEMSELVES
WITH THE
CARTELS...

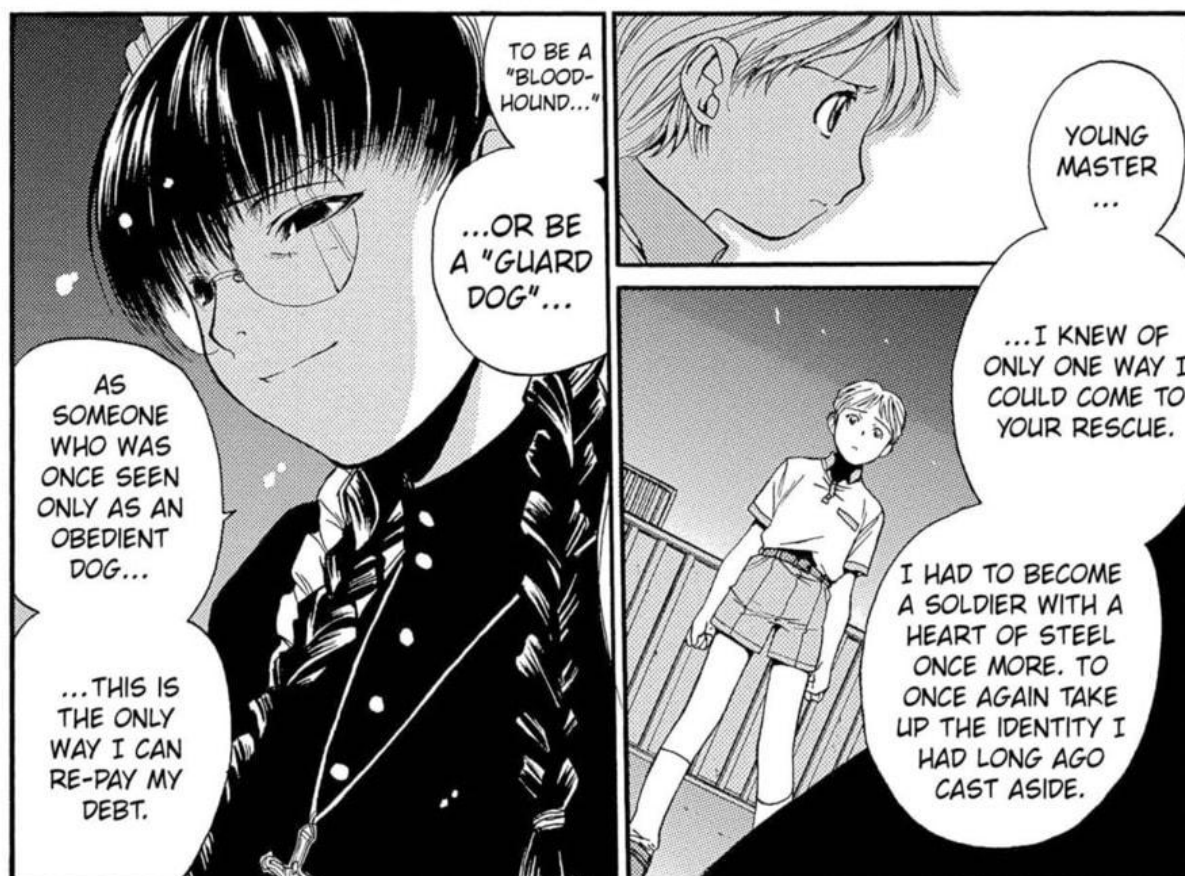


I
DESERTED
THE
MILITIA...



YOUNG MASTER,
YOUR FATHER,
DIEGO GARCIA,
WAS A CLOSE
FRIEND OF MY
LATE FATHER.

THAT WAS WHEN
YOUR FATHER
WAS KIND
ENOUGH TO
TAKE ME IN...



TO BE A
"BLOOD-
HOUND..."

...OR BE
A "GUARD
DOG"...

AS
SOMEONE
WHO WAS
ONCE SEEN
ONLY AS AN
OBEDIENT
DOG...

...THIS IS
THE ONLY
WAY I CAN
RE-PAY MY
DEBT.

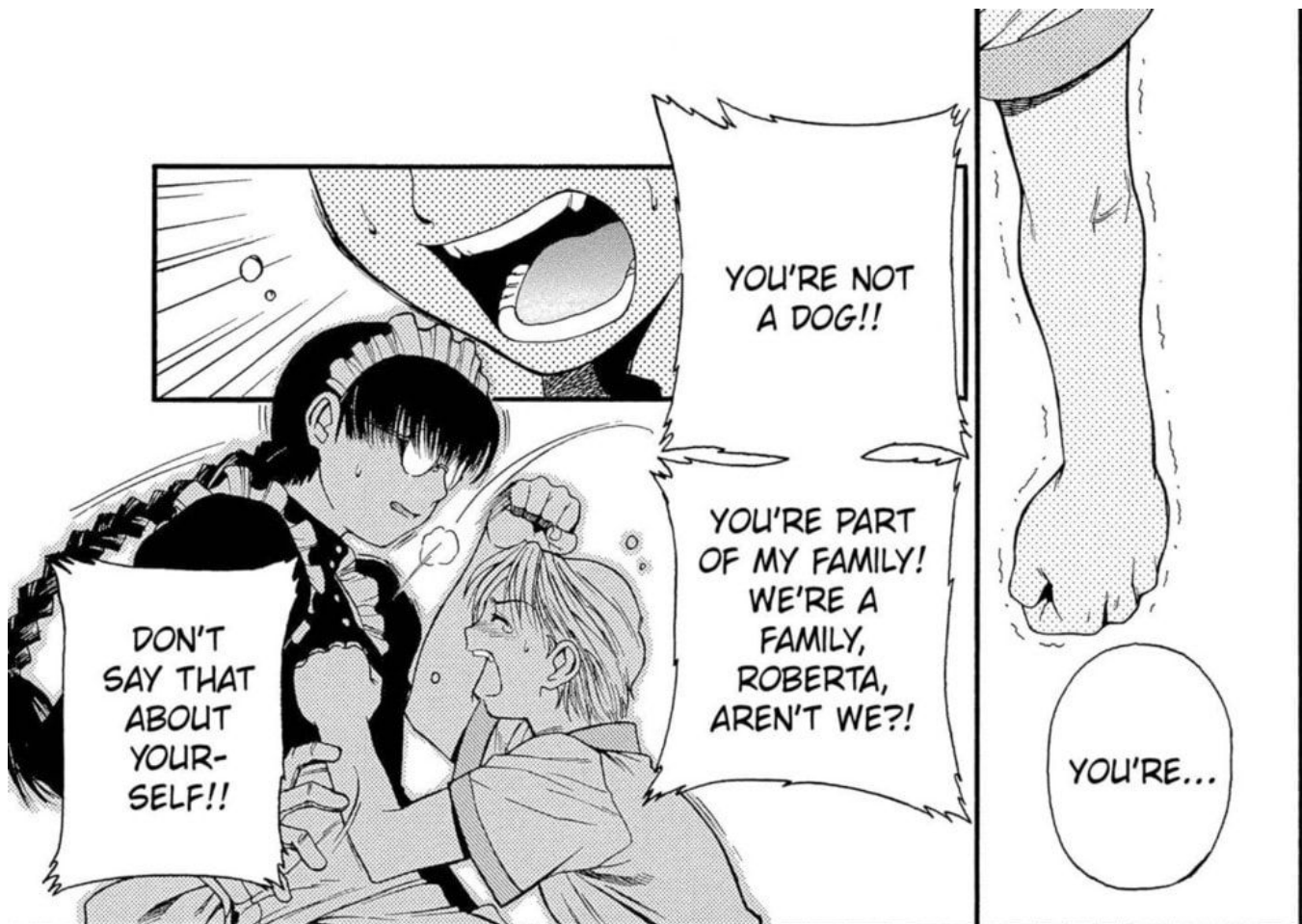


YOUNG
MASTER
...



...I KNEW OF
ONLY ONE WAY I
COULD COME TO
YOUR RESCUE.

I HAD TO BECOME
A SOLDIER WITH A
HEART OF STEEL
ONCE MORE. TO
ONCE AGAIN TAKE
UP THE IDENTITY I
HAD LONG AGO
CAST ASIDE.





I THINK IT'S
SAFE TO SAY
THIS HAS ALL
BEEN WORKED
OUT.

WELL
THEN...



BUT...

...WHAT ABOUT
THIS NASTY
HOLE IN MY
SHOULDER...
WHO'S GONNA
FILL THAT IN?

NO
OFFENSE,
MA'AM, BUT
BLOW ME.

YEAH SURE,
THESE TWO
MIGHT HAVE
THEIR FUCKIN'
HAPPY
ENDING...



HOLD ON
THERE,
MA'AM...

YOU COULD
JUST GRIN
AND BEAR
IT.



SHIT,
THAT'S
EASY
TO FIX.

DUKE IT OUT
WITH EACH
OTHER
UNTIL IT'S
SETTLED.



WE GOTTA
SETTLE OLD
SCORES AND
CLEAN THE
SLATES.

YOU KNOW
THAT'S HOW
THINGS WORK
IN OUR
WORLD.

...WELL I
SUPPOSE
SO...







WHOA,
WHOA,
WHOA!
WAIT A
MINUTE!

C'MON,
STOP THIS!!
THIS IS
INSANE!!

I GOT
\$2,500 ON
ROBERTA.

HOW
'BOUT YOU,
ROCK?

WHAT'S
YOUR
WAGER?

TWO
LARGE,
ON REVY.



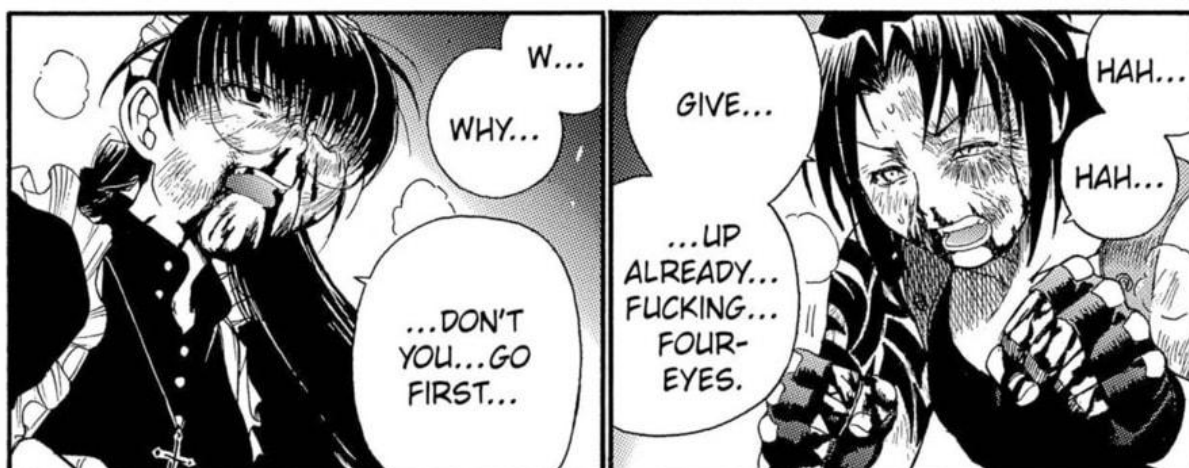
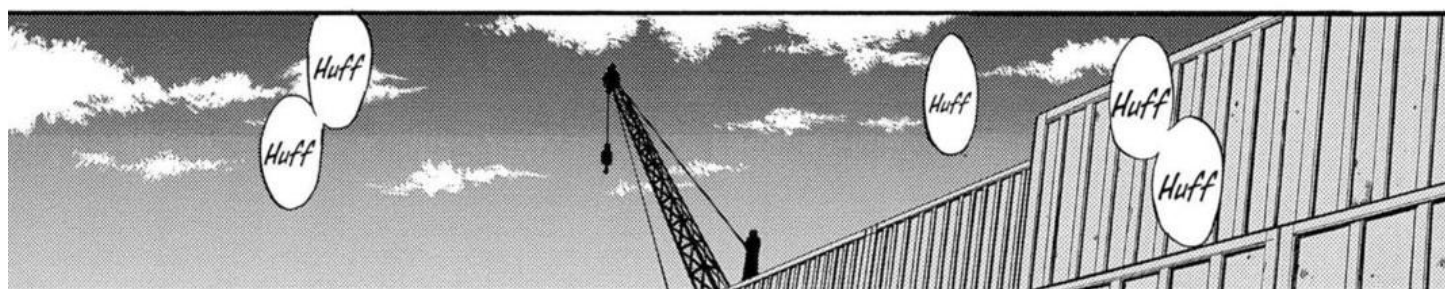
THIS IS
BARBARIC!!
YOU'RE
OUT YOUR
MINDS!!



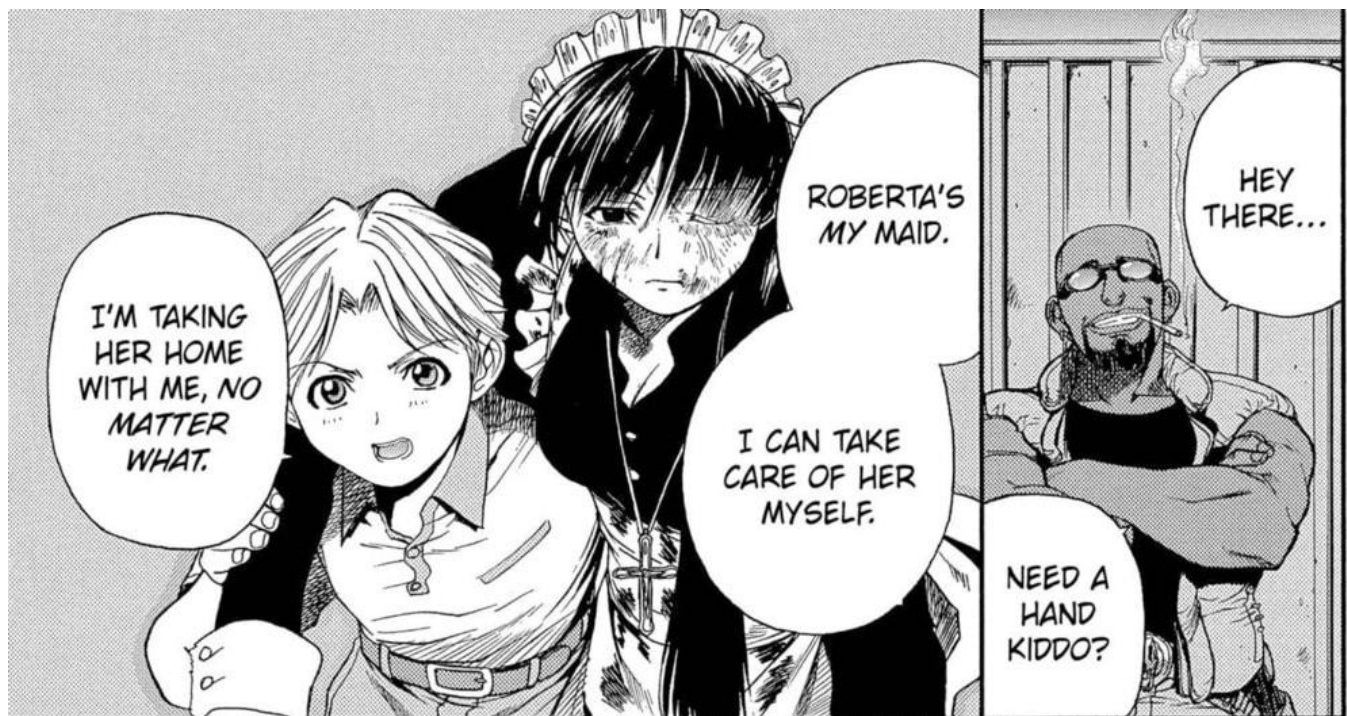
YOU CAN'T
LET TWO
GIRLS GO
AT IT LIKE
THIS?!

GGGH!





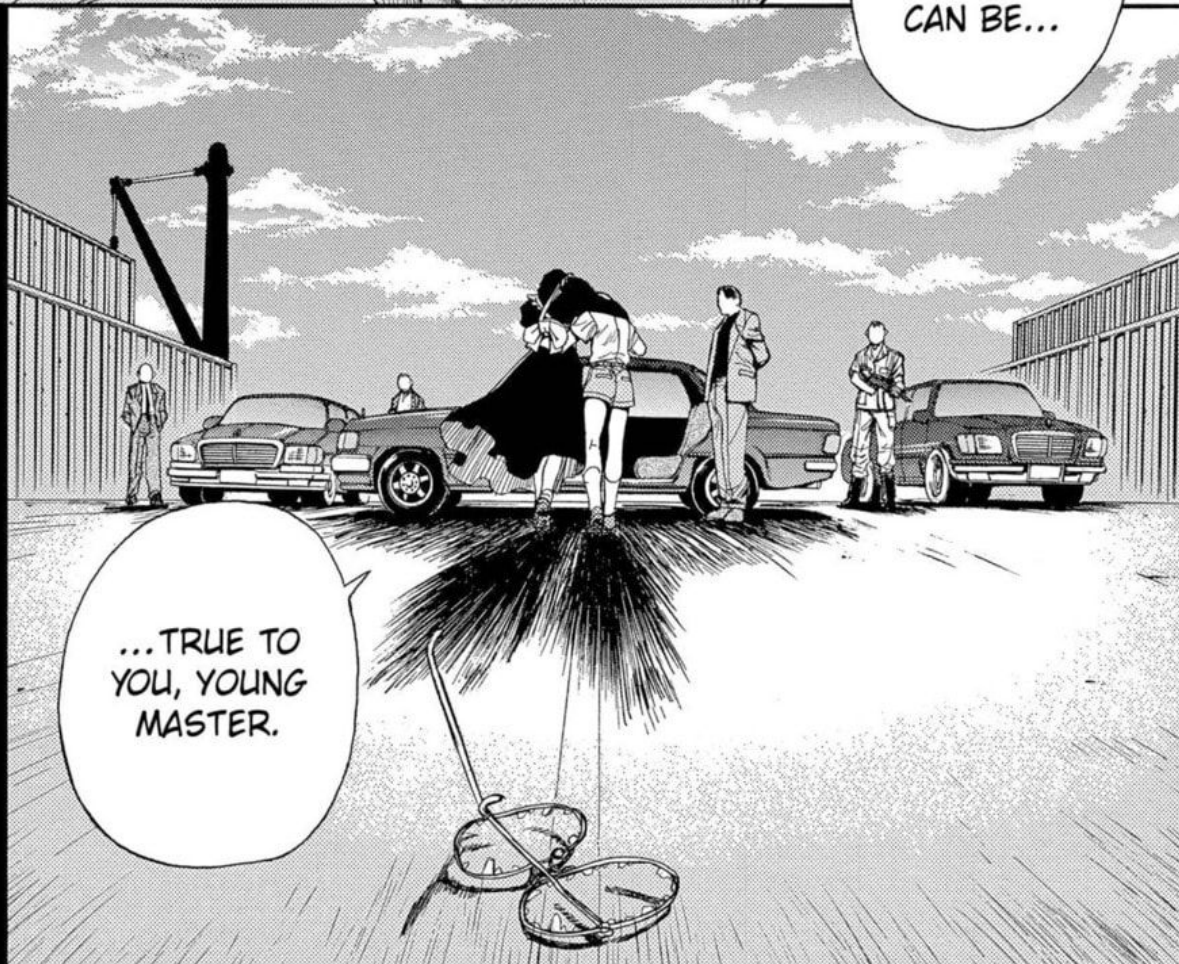






YES,
BUT...

I NEED
THOSE
SO THAT I
CAN BE...



...TRUE TO
YOU, YOUNG
MASTER.



SHE'S GONNA
BE ALL HUNG-
UP OVER THIS
FOR A WHILE...

OH,
JOY...

SPLA AASH

TWITCH
TWITCH

C'MON!

TIME TO
WAKE UP,
REVVY!

Black Lagoon Volume 1 - The End -



WHAT'S
GOING
ON?

BLACK LAGOON

~ The High
School Episode ~

By Rei Hiroe

WAIT...IS
THIS THE
SETUP
FOR THIS
EPISODE?



WHY AM
I WEARING
A HIGH
SCHOOL
UNIFORM?

IT'S NOT
EVEN THE
UNIFORM I
ACTUALLY DID
WEAR IN HIGH
SCHOOL.

...THEN WHAT
PARTS DO
THE OTHERS
PLAY?

UH-OH...I
GOT A BAD
FEELING
ABOUT
THIS...

IF THIS IS
MY ROLE...

THMP THMP THMP



SLAUGHTERIN'
FISH 'N FOWL
WHEREVER
HE GOES!!

HEDRA,
BORN FROM
HELLACIOUS
SLUDGE!!



HEY,
HOW
ARE YA!

DID'JA
GET
BREAK-
FAST
YET?

Z Z
SHING



LOOKS LIKE
AT LEAST
SHE'S
TURNED
OUT
NOR-...

OH SO

LOVELY

YES,
THERE
IS A
GOD!!

GOOD
MORNING,
MR.
OKAJIMA...



ISN'T THIS
WEATHER
WONDER-
FUL?

YOU LOOK
WELL AS
ALWAYS.

TWIRL
KCHAK

TWIRL

KCHAK

KLING

KLONNG



KLAAANG*

*JAPANESE SCHOOL BELL

PARK YOUR
BUTTS
BEFORE I
COUNT TO
THREE.

AW'
RIGHT...
ATTENDANCE
TIME.



Yeah,
baby!

WHAT
PART IS
HE GOING
TO GET?

BUT
WHAT
ABOUT
DUTCH?

You
wanna
die?

WHAT'RE YOU
LOOKING AT,
OKAJIMA?

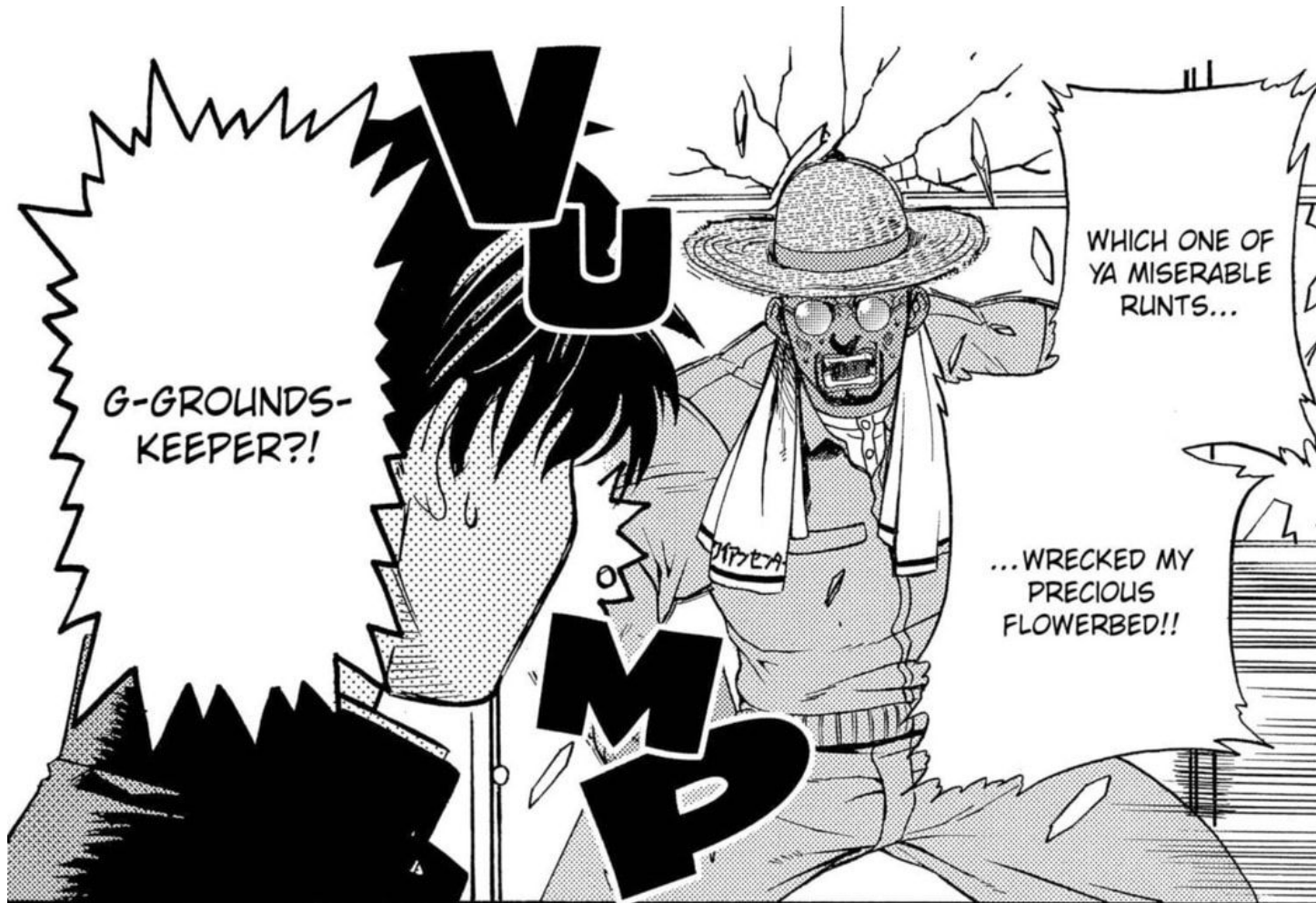
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N-NOTHING
...

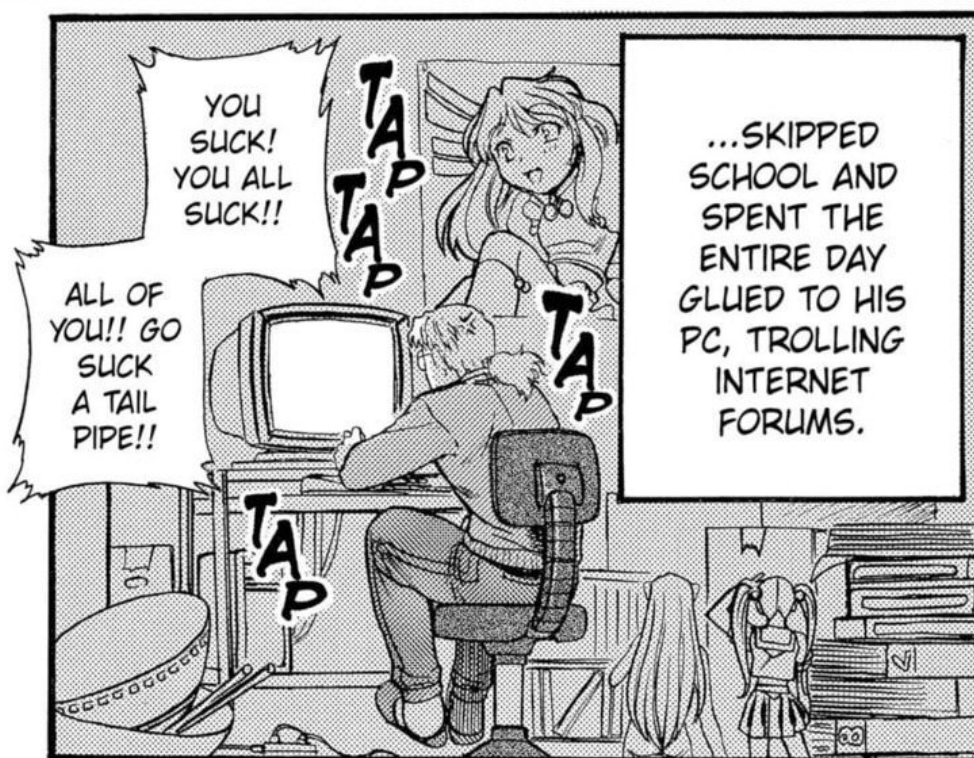
I'M JUST
GLAD IT'S-
HOWEVER
STRANGELY-
APPROPRIATE.

HEEEY!

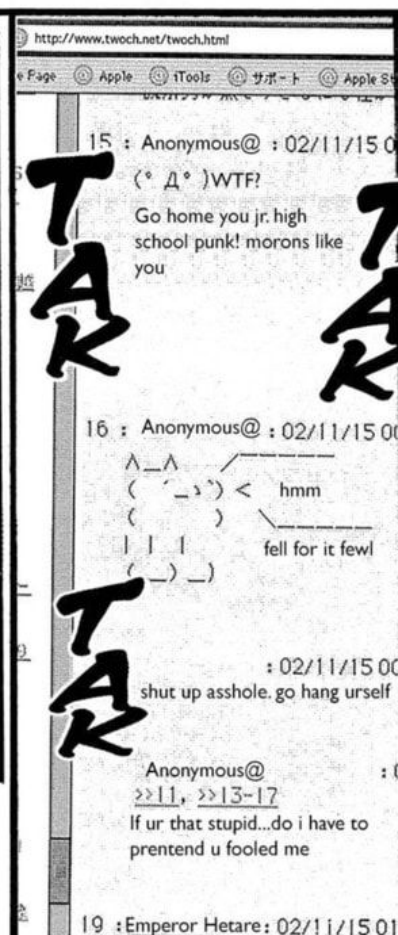
KLAKKLAK!!



MEANWHILE MR. BENNY...



AND THAT'S ALL!



THE WONDROUSLY CAPTIVATING ROBERTA
BY REI HIROE, 3RD GRADE, MS. BASINGER.



CLOSING WORDS

BOY, IT'S BEEN A WHILE SINCE I LAST GOT A COMPILATION OUT. AND IT LOOKS LIKE I'LL BE ABLE TO HAVE ANOTHER ONE PUBLISHED TOO. I'M JUST GLAD IT SEEMS THINGS'LL WORK OUT FOR A WHILE. I HAVE TO ADMIT I'M RUNNING AROUND BLIND TO SOME DEGREE, BUT HOPEFULLY YOU'LL LIKE WHAT YOU SEE AND YOU'LL STICK WITH ME FOR A WHILE.

I'D LIKE TO EXPRESS MY APPRECIATION TO THE FOLLOWING PEOPLE:

I'D LIKE TO THANK MY MAIN ASSISTANCE STAFFERS: B-RIVER, MR. ITAKO, AND KAERU KOGANEI.

MY CREW AND BRAINSTORMING FRIENDS: GRAND MASTER MO'CHII, J-SAIRO, B1H, AND REIJI SAITÔ.

COOPERATION REGARDING FOREIGN LANGUAGE ISSUES BY: TOSHIRO ISHIYAMA, YÔSUKE FROM SPAIN, AND DAN KANEMITSU.

PLEASE STICK WITH ME IN THE FUTURE, OKAY? I'M BEGGING YOU. LET'S GO OUT AND DRINK AND STUFF.

I'D LIKE TO EXPRESS MY SPECIAL THANKS TO THE REGULARS THAT DROP BY THE BULLETIN BOARD ON MY WEB PAGE AND ALL THOSE KIND PEOPLE WHO SENT IN THE QUESTIONNAIRES INCLUDED IN THE MAGAZINE I WRITE FOR.

ALSO, TO MY COMRADE IN ARMS, WAR BUDDIES OF STEEL-THE SHINJUKU WAKÔ GANG, ESPECIALLY ENZU AND GASHIGE.

LOOKING FORWARD TO SEEING YOU ALL IN VOLUME 2.

--REI HIROE,
NOVEMBER 15TH, 2002.



Revy “Two Hand”

Revy’s two-gun style echoes the on-screen combat choreography (sometimes called the “bullet ballet”) made famous in movies by John Woo. In real life, using two guns like this is highly impractical since it is virtually impossible to actually hit anything, especially if the target and the shooter are moving, and it’s also difficult to reload. Of course, it looks totally *badass* on film, and in Rei Hiroe’s stunning action-manga *Black Lagoon*!

Regarding the spelling of Revy’s *nom de guerre*, it is indeed “Two Hand,” not “Two Hands.” This is a reference to a character from the hard-boiled crime novel *Run*, by Douglas E. Winter (which is a great read by the way).



The Black Lagoon

The *Black Lagoon* is a modified 80-foot Elco PT boat. First built for service in the U.S. Navy in World War II, the Elco PT boats were powered by three 1500 horsepower Packard Marine engines and could reach speeds of nearly 50 knots. PT boats were considered expendable (along with their crews) when used to attack more powerful warships. During WWII, they often served as couriers, scouts, and as transport for special reconnaissance teams inserted behind enemy lines. President John F. Kennedy was the skipper of one of these souped-up cabin cruisers, the famous PT-109.

In addition to the four torpedoes carried in tubes on deck, PT boats were armed with machine guns, anti-aircraft guns and depth charges—basically the crews bolted on whatever extra weaponry they could scrounge up! Dutch has removed all the original armament except the torpedoes (which get used very effectively and imaginatively in volume 1), but who needs all that when you've got Revy?!